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Moscow Divorces Itself From Sofia Policy

Moscow radio announced last night that the Soviet Foreign Commissariat had informed the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow yesterday that the Soviet Government considered the entry of German troops into Bulgaria tends towards extension of the war to the Balkans, and that it could not support the attitude of the Bulgarian Government. — Reuter.

MR. EDEN'S TALKS IN GREECE

MR. ANTHONY EDEN'S talks with the Greek authorities, which began on Sunday night, ended after midnight and were expected to be resumed yesterday afternoon.

General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was present at the conversations.

Air War Round Britain

One enemy fighter was shot down by R.A.F. fighters off the Kent coast yesterday afternoon during "slight enemy activity over this country during daylight," according to an official communiqué.

A bomb was dropped on a town in Kent. One was killed and a small number injured.

One British fighter is missing. The enemy last night were over a South Wales town and East Anglia. London also had an alert last night. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S POLICY ALL OF A PIECE

"Japan's southward expansion is inseparable from her aggression against China," declared General Chiang Kai-shek, addressing the opening session of the National People's Political Council in Chungking yesterday.

Pressing for instance on final victory for China, the Generalissimo added that national defence must take precedence over everything else. — Reuter.

The visit of Mr. Eden and General Dill is expected to last several days. They had a tremendous reception from waiting crowds after attending an official luncheon in Athens. A band greeted them with the world-famed strains of "Tipperary."

Mr. Eden yesterday morning received the American and Turkish Ministers at the British Legation.

Later Mr. Eden and General Dill were the guests of the Greek Prime Minister, M. Koritzis, at luncheon.

Yesterday being the first Monday in Lent was a public holiday, which is normally spent in making trips to the country, but on this occasion the Athenian crowds spent the morning promenading in the streets waiting to welcome Mr. Eden. — Reuter.

COLONEL DONOVAN IN LONDON

Colonel W. J. Donovan, unofficial European observer for President Roosevelt, arrived in London from Lisbon yesterday.

He was in London in August and again in December and during the intervening periods has visited nearly a dozen capitals.

Col. Donovan declined to say anything as to the object of his new visit to London or his recent visits to European capitals but said he did not expect to be in Britain more than a week. — Reuter.

Wild Rumours In Bulgarian Capital

EVENTS WERE MARKING TIME IN SOFIA YESTERDAY. RUMOURS HAD BEEN CIRCULATING IN THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL TO THE EFFECT THAT 20 GERMAN DIVISIONS HAD ALREADY ENTERED BULGARIA, OF WHICH 15 WERE HEADING FOR THE TURKISH FRONTIER.

These rumours are evidently part of the Nazi war of nerves against the Turks. Military experts in Sofia point out that the movement of such a large body of troops is physically impossible, since the three Bulgarian roads available to the Germans could not have carried such a large volume of traffic in the time elapsed.

It is further pointed out that it is impossible to dispose 15 German divisions on the Turkish frontier, where the Bulgarian army is already concentrated.

While military experts consider that five divisions are enough to cover the Greek frontier, Greek diplomatic circles of Sofia state that there is no news yet of any German diplomatic pressure on Athens.

They presume this pressure will begin when Nazi divisions arrive on the Greek frontier.

INVASION PORTS BOMBED

The R.A.F. made a heavy attack on the invasion ports on the French coast last night.

FROM THE SOUTH COAST OF ENGLAND THE RAID WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE BUT A STIFF WIND IN THE STRAITS MUFFLED THE SOUND OF EXPLOSIONS.

ABOVE CALAIS AND BOULOGNE GREAT FLASHES LIGHTED UP THE SKY AND SCORES OF SEARCHLIGHTS WERE IN ACTION ALONG 20 MILES OF THE FRENCH COAST. — REUTER.

PRINCE PAUL MYSTERY

Some mystery surrounds a report that Prince Paul, Senior Regent of Yugoslavia, met Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, on Yugoslav territory yesterday morning.

The report was officially denied by the Yugoslav press authorities in Belgrade, but the story originated in usually reliable quarters.

In addition, it has been confirmed that Prince Paul left Belgrade by special train, travelling northwards, on Sunday night.

The meeting is said to have taken place on Prince Paul's estate at Broo, in Slovenia, near the point at which the Yugoslav, Austrian and Italian frontiers meet. — Reuter.

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China's Parliament In Session On Big Problems

CLOSE WATCH OF MOVES OF JAPANESE

DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC and food questions are principal points occupying the attention of the National People's Political Council which is at present in session in Chungking.

During a report given on foreign affairs for the past ten months, it is understood that the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, reviewed in detail Soviet, British and American relations with China.

He also reviewed the Tientsin a country which is unable to defend its own security

Presidium Of Five

It is interesting to note that the Council's presidium of five includes the leaders of all political groups: General Chiang Kai-shek (Government and the Kuomintang), Mr. Chang Po-ling (Independent educationalist), Mr. Tao Jun-sun (Chinese Youth Party), Mr. Chang Chun-mai (Chinese National Socialist) and Miss Wu Ya-tan (Independent Woman Educationalist).

China's steps to counter the tripartite alliance, the facts before the Soviet-Japanese negotiations, the aim of Mr. Matsumoto's Ocean a demand and information concerning Mr. Lauchlin Currie's visit to Chungking, also occupied discussion.

It is believed that Dr. Wang Chung-hui agreed to have written to him at a later session of the Council.

Mr. Ong Wei-hsia, Minister of Economic Affairs, also presented a report on the economic situation.

Food Policy

Questions raised by delegates included such questions as: what is the Government's policy regarding Government's proposal regarding the sale of foodstuffs, what is the future Government food trade policy, Government monopoly or free trade, has the Government any effective measures to stabilise commodity prices, since prices differ considerably in different districts, and has the Government any plans for the proper distribution of commodities.

In reference to domestic affairs, General Chiang Kai-shek, in his opening address on Saturday, said that final victory must be the common goal.

National defence must be above everything else since there can be no freedom, rights or liberty in

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HEAVY ATTACK ON BERET

The R.A.F. launched a heavy attack on the Albanian aerodrome of Beret on Sunday, according to a communiqué issued in Cairo yesterday.

Direct hits were obtained on hangars and buildings which started an extensive fire visible over 50 miles away.

In Eritrea, the R.A.F. attacked positions around Keren, while a South African Air Force squadron continued to harass the enemy with machine-gun attacks.

At Burye, in Abyssinia, large fires and heavy explosions occurred as a result of the bombing of military objectives.—Reuter.

ITALIANS HURLED BACK

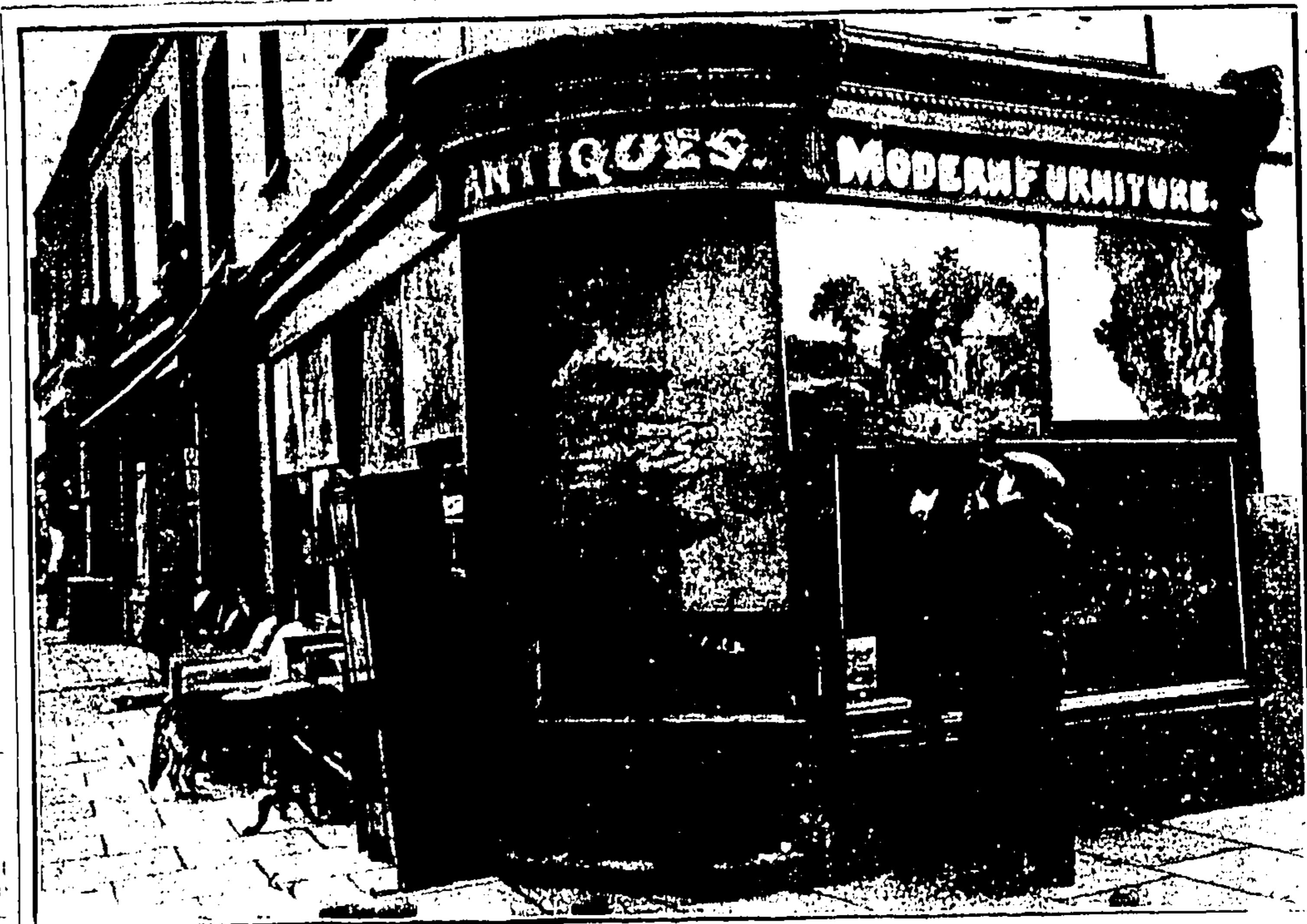
The Greeks continue to hurl back the Italians and on Saturday repelled two heavy Italian attacks, stated Athens radio last night quoting the Greek Press Ministry.

The first attack, at sunset, failed despite strong artillery preparation, and the Greeks, firing from 5,000-feet heights, stopped the Italian advance.

The second attack was made after dark and met with a like fate, plus great losses.—Reuter.

"DO PEOPLE STEAL BIBLES?"

When William Edward Smith, a labourer, was charged at a London police court with being in possession of a family Bible, supposed to have been stolen or obtained unlawfully, the magistrate (Mr. Frank Powell) said, "People don't



A USE FOR ART! This furniture dealer in a West Country town found a novel use for old art paintings when the windows of his shop were smashed during a raid. (Copyright, Fox).

BULGARIAN FUNDS IN U.S. FROZEN

The U.S. State Department has advised the Treasury to "freeze" Bulgarian funds in the United States as the result of the entry of German troops into Bulgaria, according to a Reuter despatch from Washington this morning.

SHELTERS VICE DANGER

Baptist pastor thinks "it has now become dangerous to a young man's moral reputation for him to be seen coming out of an air-raid shelter at night."

He is the Rev. W. G. Cripps, and he was talking about Weston-super-Mare.

Speaking to a mixed congregation in his church there, he accused girls aged about seventeen of soliciting in the streets and taking men into air raid shelters which have no lighting system.

"My wife was asked to give temporary lodging to some young girls who were described by the authorities as 'unbilleted,'" he said.

"They won't stay in at night, and prefer to go out on the streets. Then they are found in air raid shelters not alone. Can we afford to overlook things like this?"

Moral welfare workers in the district are urging the authorities to install lighting in sea-front surface shelters.

Dr. Remmett Weaver, Medical Officer of Weston-super-Mare, told a reporter, "I hope certain steps will be taken before long."

"usually steal Bibles, do they?" P-c Hollander, who asked for a remand on bail for a week without offering any evidence, said that Smith was engaged on demolition work, and had stated that the Bible was given to him by another workman.

Smith, a coloured man, was remanded on bail for a week.

Army Problem For The Shop

SOLDIERS IN BRITAIN may be asked to confine the spending of their money to Army canteens and to buy from shopkeepers only those articles N.A.A.F.I. cannot supply.

This is a likely outcome of the remarkable situation which has arisen in many areas where the number of troops is now so great that it is almost impossible for civilians to buy razor blades, cigarettes, chocolate or writing-pads.

One shopkeeper said that his stocks of these articles lasted him for only a few days each month, and that 90 per cent. was bought by the troops in the neighbourhood.

Their canteen may be full of things they need, but most of them want to go out into the town or village.

"When the shops are sold out they fall back on the Army stores but the civilian can't and he goes short."

"We are now trying to evolve a scheme which will be fair both to soldiers and civilians."

NAZI AIR LOSS OVER BRITAIN

Over 370 planes were lost by the enemy in the Middle East during February, compared with British losses of 26 machines.

The official return shows that in this war zone 120 enemy machines were shot down and over 250 destroyed on the ground captured.

During the same month, a total of 160 planes were lost over Britain since the war began, was brought to 3,123 by the destruction of a further 36 machines.

Of these, 12 were brought down at night and eight by A.A. fire. British losses were five planes, making a war total of 853.

British losses over Germany and occupied territory were 40, and German eleven.

Up to Feb. 28, British losses under this heading totalled 14.—Reuter.

TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S

HIDE AND SEEK WAR AT KEREN

Highlanders And Sudanese In Exciting Action Railway Town Proving Tough Nut

BLACK-OUT LIFTED AT NAIROBI

The black-out restrictions are being removed in Nairobi and the whole of the highlands area from to-day.

Modified restrictions will be in force on the coast. Reuter.

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Imperial Forces on the Keren Front)

HIDE-AND-SEEK ARTILLERY DUELS, IN WHICH THE ITALIAN GUNNERS SHIFTED THEIR GUN POSITIONS DURING DARKNESS, CONCEALING THEM WITHIN THE SCRUB AND ROCKY CREVICES, AND THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE IN PLACES WHICH THE ITALIANS DEEMED INACCESSIBLE, HAVE BEEN FEATURES OF THE BRITISH SIEGE OF KEREN.

Keren is the railway town in Eritrea which is being found one of the toughest nuts to crack in General Wavell's campaign against Italy's East African Empire.

Keren, 75 miles from Asmara, the Eritrean capital, is situated on peaks commanded by Italian artillery and anti-aircraft guns, with British artillery situated on one of the other peaks some miles off.

Despite the fact that the batteries are invisible to each other, the accuracy of the British shooting is remarkable.

Italy's best forces, including the Savoy Grenadiers, reinforced by extensive artillery, have been encircled in an area which might have been planned by nature as a perfect fortress.

An Ambush

Recently a party of Highlanders and Sudanese troops were ambushed by the Italians but fought back and drove the Italians up the summit of a neighbouring ridge.

They found, however, that although they were able to hold the Italians, they themselves were unable to emerge from their positions behind rocks owing

ing to withering blasts of fire from Italian machine-gun nests. The British artillery was signaled and guns brought up.

Later the British troops, crouching behind rocks in the blazing desert sun, heard British shells screaming overhead to pound the Italian positions a couple of hundred yards further on.

Wonderful Shooting

"It was wonderful shooting," one Highlander said. "Our boys plunked the very first shells plumb on the Italians, who soon packed up. Some surrendered. Others retreated."

The Sudan Defence Force, throughout the campaign, has done brilliant though little publicised work; their fast armoured cars whizzing among and around the advanced Italian positions like fast motorboats, scattering the enemy in all directions.

The whole Eritrean campaign has been an outstanding example of Empire cooperation.

Forewarning Of Italian Collapse

"The fighting in East Africa is of an extremely intense nature and it may be necessary for us to make ulterior sacrifices," said war commentators on Rome radio yesterday.

They added the British were using a third of a million men in East Africa and they were armed with the most modern weapons, tanks and armoured cars.

"In these conditions the fight presents an undoubted advantage for the British."

80 Miles Beyond Mogadiscio

In their sweep into Italian Somaliland, British troops have reached a point 80 miles beyond Mogadiscio and have occupied the villages of Duca, Degli and Abruzzi.

There is no change in the position in Eritrea, Libya or Abyssinia, it was reported in yesterday's official Cairo communiqué.—Reuter.

STEADY TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange maintained a fairly steady undertone yesterday but operators were cautious awaiting Balkan developments. Business was mainly centred on gilt-edged and Indian issues, which were firmly held. Industrials were quiet. Steels were firmer and tobacco and breweries easier. Kaffirs occasionally were easier but oils rallied after an early decline. Foreign issues tended to be slightly lower but Egyptian were half a point higher.—Reuter.

U.S. ORDERS GASMASKS

GAS MASKS FOR THE USE OF NON-COMBATANTS IN AREAS UNDER MILITARY JURISDICTION HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT.

Disclosing this fact yesterday, the War Department stated that "a limited quantity" of gas masks had been ordered. Of low cost, the masks would be supplied by five manufacturers.

No further extension of facilities for the manufacture of gas masks is contemplated at present.—Reuter.

R.A.F.'S GREAT CONTRIBUTION IN AFRICA WAR

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at an Advance Air Base on the Sudan-Eritrean Frontier)

BRITISH BOMBERS, South African fighters and a special Rhodesian squadron are leading in the R.A.F.'s contribution to the British successes in Eritrea.

For weeks past our airmen have been bombing the Italian air force right out of the sky, so that to-day the British infantry in the most forward positions seldom see an Italian plane.

Over Keren, British bombers have been in continuous operation despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. They have not only blown up military objectives but have also dropped pamphlets and taken valuable low-flying photographs.

Dominions airmen, especially, settle down quickly to local conditions.

I found South African pilots of one fighter squadron which already has nearly 80 Italian planes to its credit, living in a series of tunnels—Sudanese mud huts—around the aerodrome.

They declared their strange dwellings are both cool and comfortable. A Rhodesian squadron is stu-

tioned in a forward position in Eritrea.

Its members are also comfortably established. They even have their own refrigerator far from civilization.

The constant appearance of British bombers and fighters, zooming in increasing numbers over the heads of the advancing British troops, has been very heartening to these men, plodding through inhospitable and unfamiliar country.—Reuter.



Nurses at the Moorfields Eye Hospital attending to patients who are settled down for the night in the air raid shelter. (Copyright. Fox).

SOVIET UNION AND THAILAND

A preliminary agreement between Thailand and Soviet Russia, for the resumption of diplomatic and trade relations, is understood to have been reached in Moscow, says Reuter from Bangkok.

U.S. AID FOR BRITAIN

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PRELUDE TO BALKAN AGGRESSION

THE PLEBISCITE IN RUMANIA

BULGARIA'S ADHERENCE to the Axis pact remains the chief topic in the Turkish newspapers.

The "Vatan" describes it as a "prelude to aggression in the Balkans," and adds that Turkey must redouble her vigilance.

The "Tan" emphasises that Bulgaria's signature to the pact was secured by Germany long ago and only the date of enslavement remained open.

Other papers declare an explanation is necessary as to why Bulgaria took the latest action so soon after signing the Turco-Bulgarian non-aggression agreement.

The "Ulus" says "The Turco-Bulgarian agreement reaffirms Bulgaria's intention not to resort to war to settle problems with her neighbours but all depends on acts which the obligations contained in the tripartite and Bulgarian-Axis alliance are applied.

"The Anglo-Turkish Alliance has helped to keep the peace in the Balkans and Near East. Let us hope Bulgaria will use her influence to sway the tripartite pact in favour of peace and will succeed."—Reuter.

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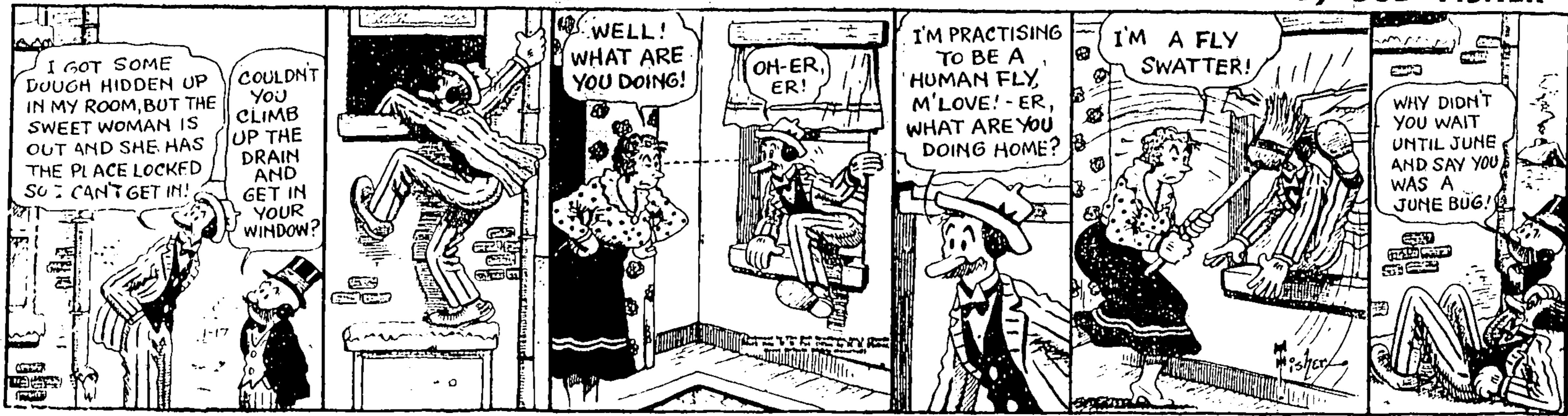
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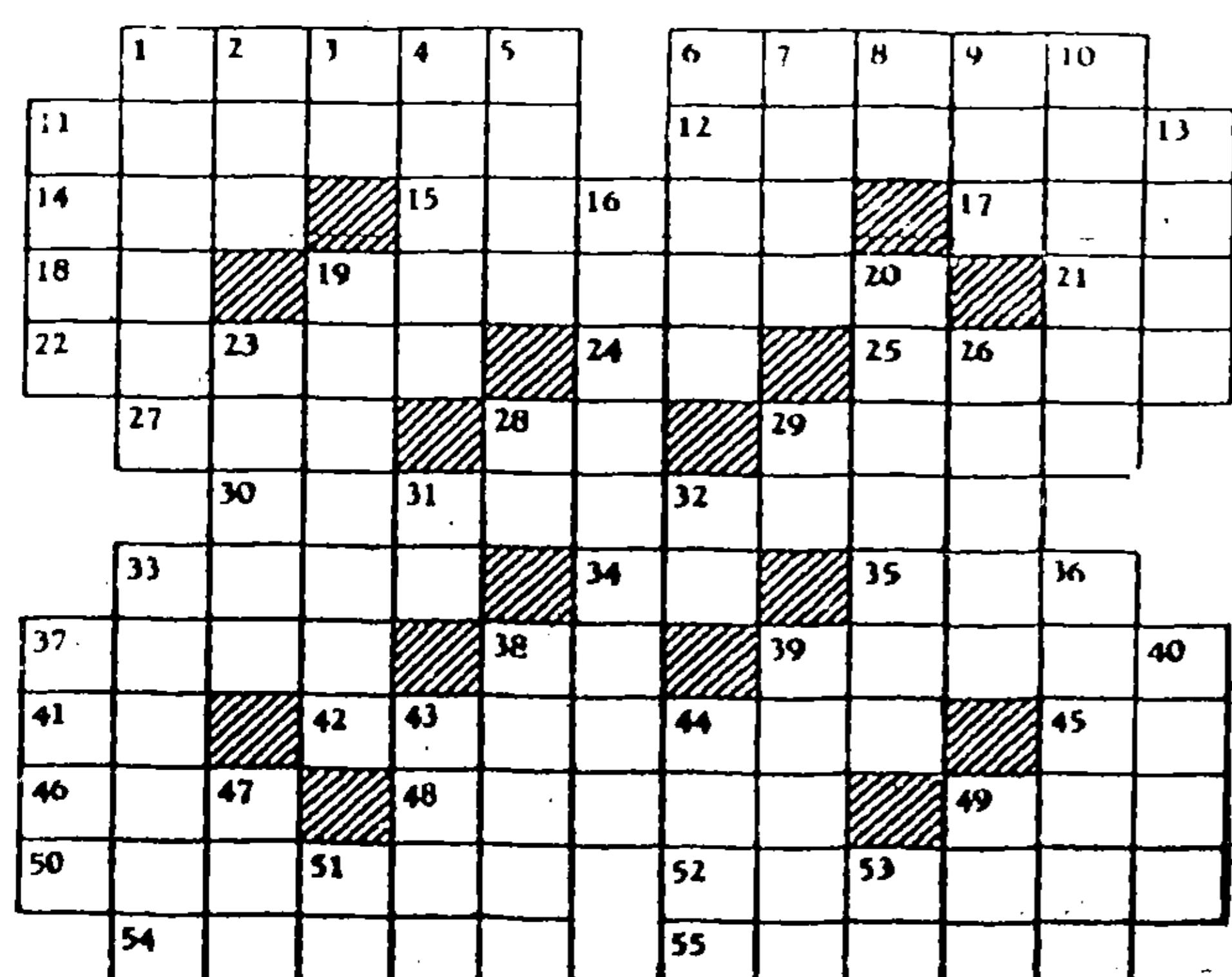
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21 To exist
22 To shoot from cover
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25 Ancient musical instrument
27 Girl's name
28 Periodic windstorm
29 To reproach
30 Constitu-
tional right
33 Greek letter
34 Part of in-
finitive
35 Ovum
37 Italian coin
38 Sloth
39 Large
41 Bone

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2 Literary scrapes
3 Symbol for nickel
4 Italian poet
5 Wing-like
6 To hit
7 Grape refuse
8 Land measure

PETTING STOOL LEAP BY BRIDE

A wedding, four times cancelled because the bridegroom could not get leave, took place at the fifth attempt at Holy Island (or Lindisfarne), off the Northumberland coast.

It was the first wedding on the island since the war, and it was accompanied by quaint traditional rites.

When Mary Clegg, aged twenty-eight, was a Resident of the 400-year-old church of St. Mary on the island of her childhood, she fell in love with thirty-one-year-old Able Seaman dinner, Hector Douglas. Her first task was to leap the Petting Stool set in the socket of St. Cuthbert's Cross.

Then at the gates of the church the bride and bridegroom paid a toll to old Dick Douglas before they were allowed through. Dick, seventy-seven-year-old fisherman, opened the gate to the bride's mother when she went through the same ceremony more than thirty years ago.

Beneath a volley of shots from half a dozen guns, the couple walked down the village street, scattering copper to a crowd of children, as Holy Island newlyweds have done for centuries.

At the entrance to the bride's house a plate with a slice of wedding-cake was "broken" over her head, or, rather, placed on her head and then set on the ground in front of her.

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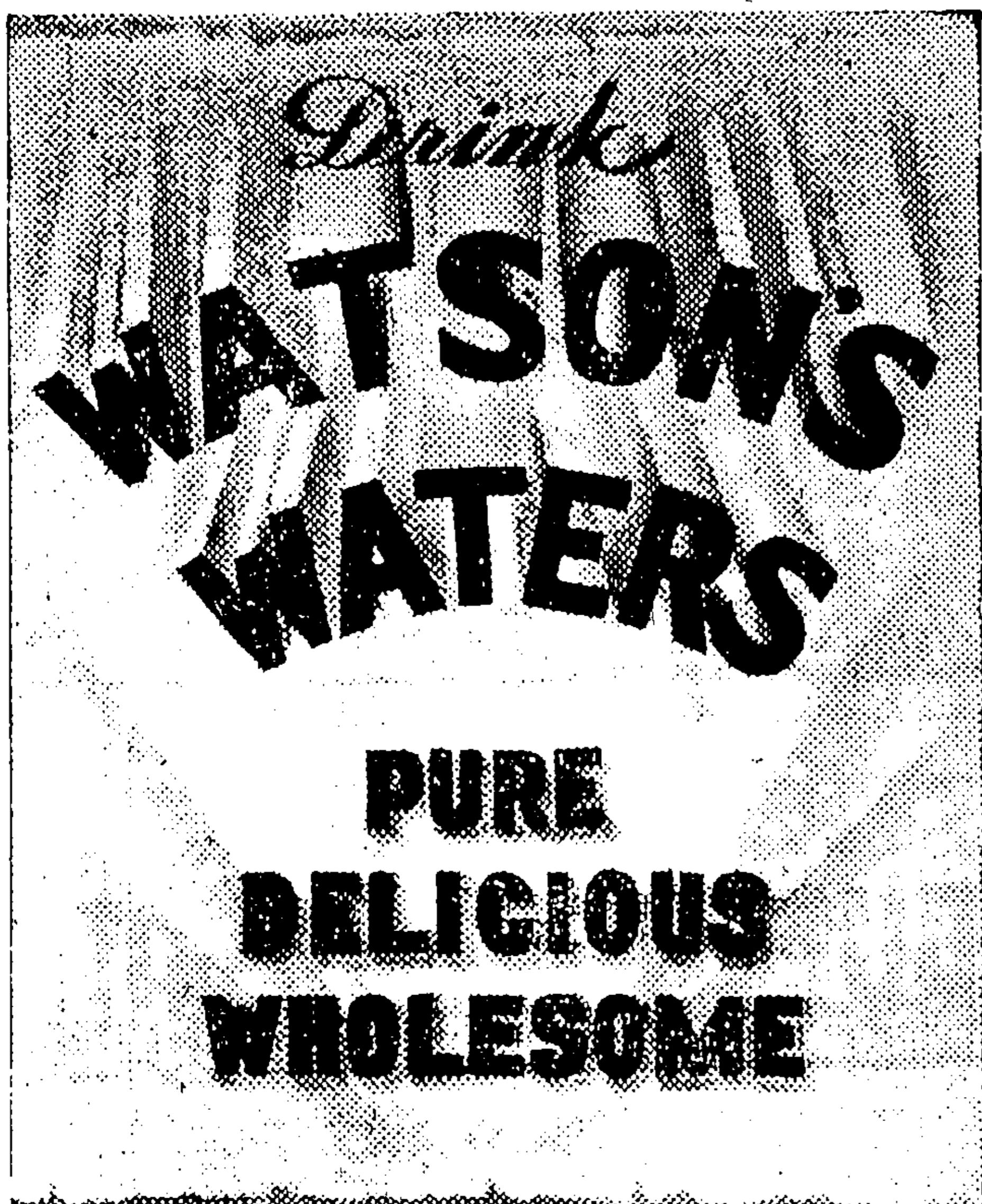
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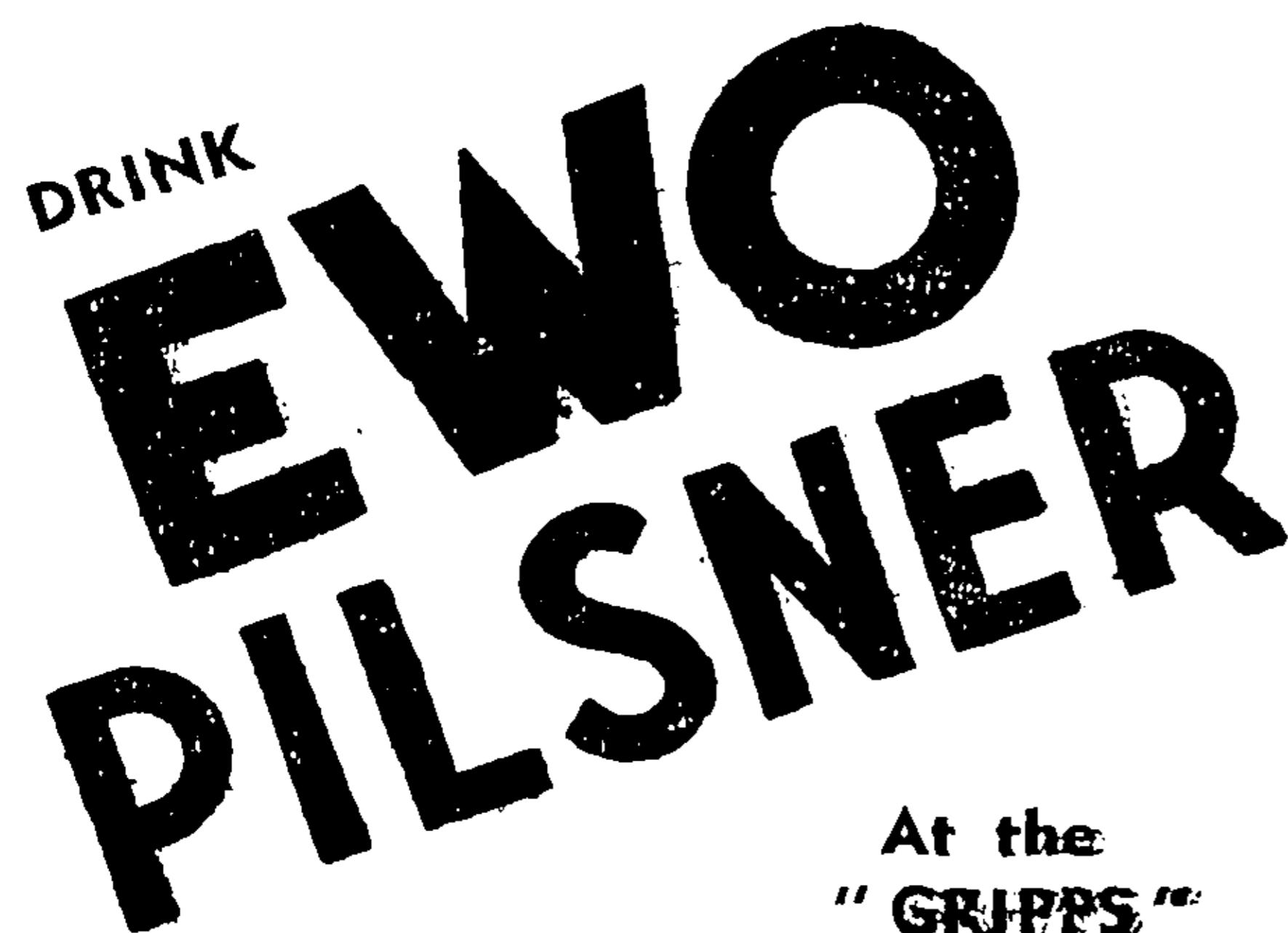
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TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES WORRY NAZIS

APART FROM the shortage of oil and the results of the incessant bombing of marshalling yards and canals, the inadequacy of the transport system is the most serious difficulty of the Nazi war economy both in Germany and in her new European empire, writes a correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian."

During the years of intense rearmament and war preparation in Germany the upkeep of the railway system was badly neglected. Clearly reliance must have been placed on a successful Blitzkrieg, as such neglect of the railway system cannot be made good in many months.

In March, 1939, when the transport system of the Continent of management of the State Railways (Reichsbahn) came forward in the east remain nevertheless very considerable, even if these countries are used only as major supply bases; the situation might become critical in the event of a combined use of Eastern Europe as a battle front and larder.

The eastern conquests of the Nazis, far from relieving this situation, made it worse. The Austrian and even the Czech rolling-stock was largely obsolete; part of the Polish stock was destroyed, and Russia took a disproportionate share of the rest. With the increasing war effort the Nazis had to use their own rolling-stock in these countries.

Relief From West

The railway difficulties were not confined to the rolling-stock. The upkeep of the tracks had been neglected, and now both tracks and personnel were terribly overburdened. Great difficulties had been experienced during the building of the Siegfried Line, and the outbreak of the war multiplied them. Military transport hampered the normal goods distribution. The black-out, especially during the winter, intensified the troubles; the shunting of goods trains, for instance, took five times as long.

The Nazis are resorting, of course, to all sorts of devices to improve the situation—quicker loading of wagons, renewed use of obsolete engines and wagons, restriction of the use of trains for private purposes, and so on—but all these devices give relatively little help. Moreover, the inefficient railway system not only hampers the Nazi war effort; it is a constant reminder to the German people that they are at war, just as the terrible delays, the unheated coaches, and the broken windows were a nightmare remembered for many years after the last war had ended.

Strain On Railways

Germany's western conquests introduced all sorts of fresh factors. The blockade of the western coast of the Continent increases the strain on the whole European railway system, as a large part of the bulk goods (oil, coal, iron ore, timber, wheat, cotton, and so on) came by sea even for inter-Continental supplies. Normally, for instance, German coal went by sea to Italy. On the other hand, the cessation of land fighting in the west and the considerable booty from the rich rolling-stocks of Holland, Belgium, and especially France, brought the Germans great relief, though technical difficulties, such as differences in gauge or brake systems, set a limit to the use of foreign rolling-stock in Germany. The destruction of rolling-stock during the hostilities was not considerable.

Before the collapse of the Western Front, many neutral countries, even in the east, like Hungary, undertook exports in their own goods wagons only up to the German frontiers, as in the first few months of the war the Nazis used to "retain" neutral wagons for a couple of months for their own use. This period of resistance is over, and the Nazis, with their armed might, have the whole trans-

AVALANCHE WRECKS SCHOOL

Heavy snowstorms in Switzerland have covered villages in masses of snow and in one place an avalanche has destroyed a school, cemetery and barracks.

Tourists have been warned not to start trips on the mountains because of the danger of avalanches everywhere. — Associated Press.

ROME LOOKS FOR FRIENDS IN BRITAIN

Rome began a new propaganda broadcast recently—the broadcasting of names of British people in Italy, with remarks designed to show what a happy time they are having.

The obvious idea is to create in Britain a feeling of admiration for Italy's generosity and kindness.

Here is one list quoted by Reuter: Miss Cresswell (Rome), Mr. and Mrs. Reid (Naples), Mrs. Waring (Rome), Miss Ercott (Rome), Miss Robison (Rome), Major and Mrs. Barn and their son Adrian (Rome), and Mr. and Miss Adams (Florence).

Almost every Rome broadcast over the week-end has mentioned the morale of the Italian people. In foreign broadcasts the assurance has been given that Italy is not breaking down under the strain, but Italian broadcasts appeal to the people to keep up their spirits.

Rome radio said Federal secretaries of all Italy reported to the secretary of the Fascist Party that the fighting spirit of the people was high.

of sleeplessness, Kelly had just received news that his wife was ill.

Verdict: Suicide while of unbalanced mind.



Both Melvyn Douglas and Loretta Young look slightly annoyed in this scene from Columbia's "He Stayed for Breakfast," coming to the King's Theatre to-morrow. They have good reason to be—interrupted as they were by Eugene Pallette and Alan Maitland, two gentlemen who don't like Mr. Douglas and do like Miss Young.

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AUSTRALIAN TROOPS

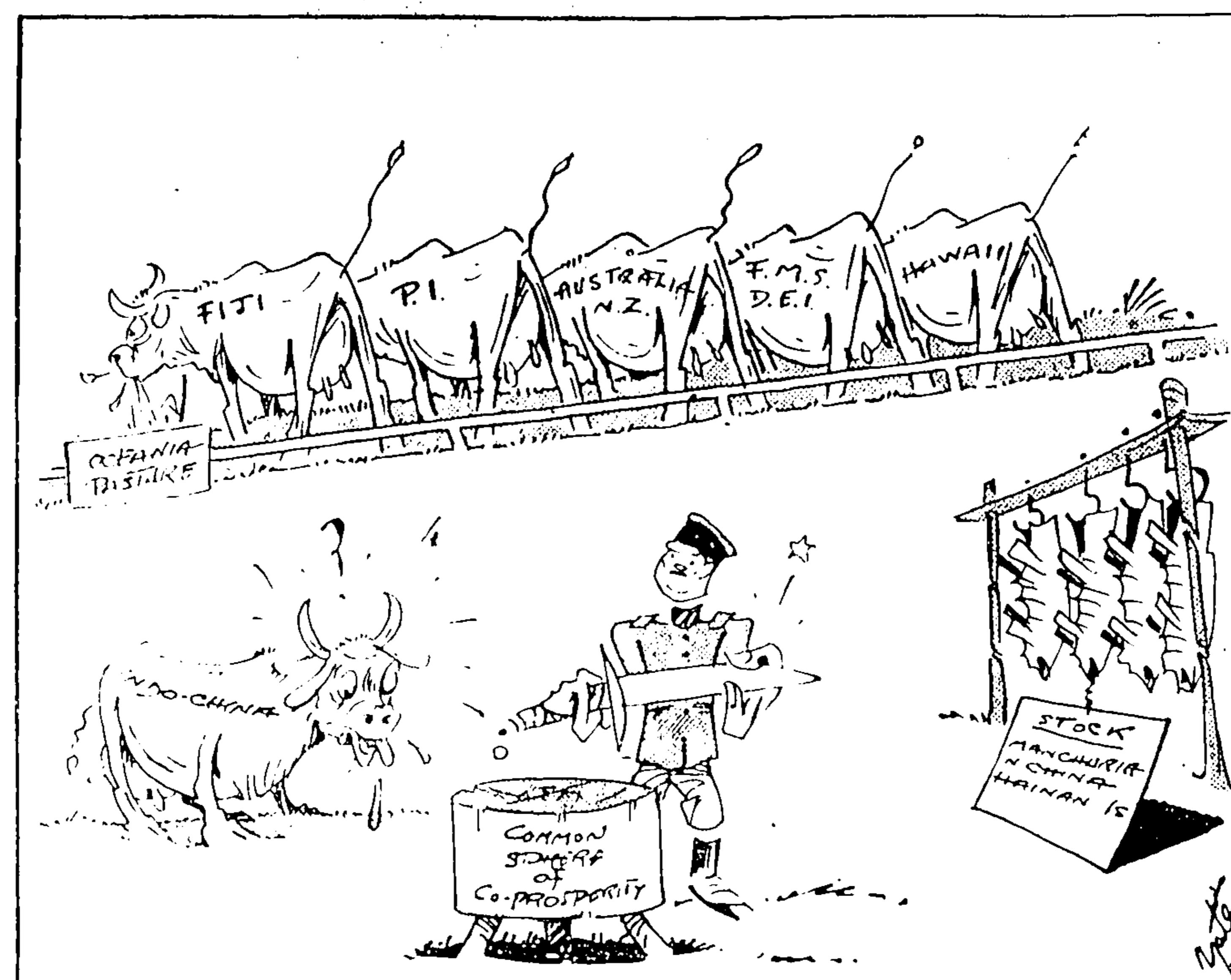
The arrival of Australian troops in Malaya seems to have aroused an astonishing amount of indignation in Japan, at least if the Japanese radio commentators can be cited as indicators of Japanese opinion. These same commentators are, however, labouring at a stupid falsity when they describe the Australian troops as hordes of "illiterate peasants, untrained and undisciplined." One of the most important posts in this day and age is that of a radio commentator, as they do much to mould public opinion. The Axis Powers have adopted the theory that the needs of propaganda demand adoption of the axiom which Hitler laid down when he declared in his text book, "Mein Kampf," that "in the big lie there is always a certain force of credibility, because the broad masses of the nation . . . more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small one." There is, however, no propaganda value in stating what all the world knows to be untrue. There being no illiterates in Australia, there can be no illiterate peasants.

As regards their training which the Japanese commentator attempted to belittle, the words of their commander, Major-General H. Gordon Bennett may be quoted: "I can say in all seriousness," he stated in a broadcast thanking the people of Singapore for the welcome his troops had received, "that our men are as efficient and as fit a lot as have left Australia. And we have the added advantage of being better equipped than the earlier troops to leave our country, for our people at home have made great strides in the development of our war industries. Our men," he continued, "have been trained as storm troops, and I can safely say if they are called to defend this outpost of Australia (Singapore) they will fight as their fathers did in Gallipoli, France, and Palestine and as their brothers have recently done in Libya."

These fine men, "braced and lean and fighting fit" as Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of Singapore, described them, are now in Malaya as a pre-

dicted and only remaining and known enemy.

MEDIATION MEGRIMS



Japan: "Just a little slice off the rump, with your kind cooperation."

Mr. Churchill

At 66

By H.C. Bailey

"Vehement, high and daring was his cast of mind."

So Mr. Churchill, in his one and only novel, described the hero, and there is no doubt that the character he had in mind was his own. Forty years after that novel was written his countrymen give thanks in a tremendous world crisis for the leadership of a statesman "vehement, high and daring" beyond the measure of all but the greatest in England's long and glorious history.

There are other qualities in his genius. He can, and does, "laugh terribly." His ancestor, John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, facile princeps among English generals, whom he vindicated and worthily celebrated, was famous for his calm on the stricken field—the angel of the storm, in Addison's lines, who "taught the doubtful battle how to rage."

A portion of that spirit is in Winston Churchill's inheritance.

His recreations show yet another striking characteristic. He

cautionary measure only. Australians rightly regard Singapore as an outpost of their homeland and defending it means defending Australia. "They are not here to attack anyone," stated Sir Thomas, "their arrival need cause no anxiety to any of our neighbours. We don't wish to quarrel with anybody, but as the Acting Prime Minister of Australia said three days ago, we don't

like aggression and we don't like aggressors, and if we are attacked, then we shall fight."

had to ride in one of the few British cavalry charges that have happened in his lifetime.

In the South African War he was again a journalist only and again luck played the strange tricks with him. He fought on an armoured train and was captured and taken prisoner to Pretoria. Then by a series of miraculous adventures he escaped and came back a popular hero.

At the age of 25 he had had enough, for the time, of war. Who in 1900 foresaw 1914 and 1939? He has confessed that he always wanted to go into politics.

The Khaki election of 1900 brought him into Parliament as Conservative member for Oldham. There is a story of those days that he used to say, "The Churchills die young. What I do, I must do quickly."

Opportunity of distinction was to hand. The Balfour Government soon laid itself open to attack even from docile supporters. Docility has never been conspicuous in Mr. Churchill. He became a very candid critic and his shafts were the sharper for recollections of Balfour's early association and subsequent break with Lord Randolph. Joseph Chamberlain's tariff reform campaign brought Mr. Churchill into the field as a Tory Free Trader, then a Free Trader without the party adjective and, by 1906, a full-blown Liberal. He was only 34 when he became a Liberal Cabinet Minister.

This progress did not conciliate the Tories of those days and there were very bitter words and scenes which read rather ludicrously now if indeed they could even be taken seriously by any but one-eyed partisans.

What Mr. Churchill may consider the luckiest chance in a career of amazing vicissitudes I cannot guess, but it was certainly wonderful that this chance enabled him to become a speaker of

outstanding power. Some natural disadvantages were so mastered as to add effect to a deadly retort. Balfour's early judgment was that Winston had heavy but not mobile guns. Yet he became a master of debate and the most dangerous of all men to interrupt.

At the Admiralty his tremendous energy worked marvels in the provision of an overwhelming fleet. To him we owe it that the Navy was as ready as foresight could make it in the existing conditions for the challenge of August, 1914. He bore the responsibility and will always bear the honour for that decision on which our security was dependent, the immediate mobilisation of the Fleet.

This is not the time or the place to discuss the course of the war of 1914-1918. Two efforts were mainly if not wholly due to Mr. Churchill's urging—the attempt to relieve Antwerp and the attempt to force the Dardanelles. Both, though they failed, were devised by shrewd insight and daring. Whatever the causes of failure, competent judges have been known to pronounce that Mr. Churchill's was the best strategic mind at our service in that war.

He left the Admiralty on a breach with Lord Fisher and the difficulties in the Dardanelles, and abandoned politics for a while to command an infantry battalion in the front line in France—facing the fire of yet one more war. After all, he was little over 40, and his officers found him abounding in energy.

Mr. Lloyd George brought him back to run the Ministry of Munitions, and as the war passed into peace negotiations and an unpeaceful settlement, he recovered all, or more than all, his old political position. The immediate reward was a full share, pressed down and running over, of the unpopularity of Mr. Lloyd George's Coalition. Austen Chamberlain and Birkenhead had trouble enough with the Conservative party for the Irish Treaty, and for their loyalty to Mr. Lloyd George, but Mr. Churchill fared still worse.

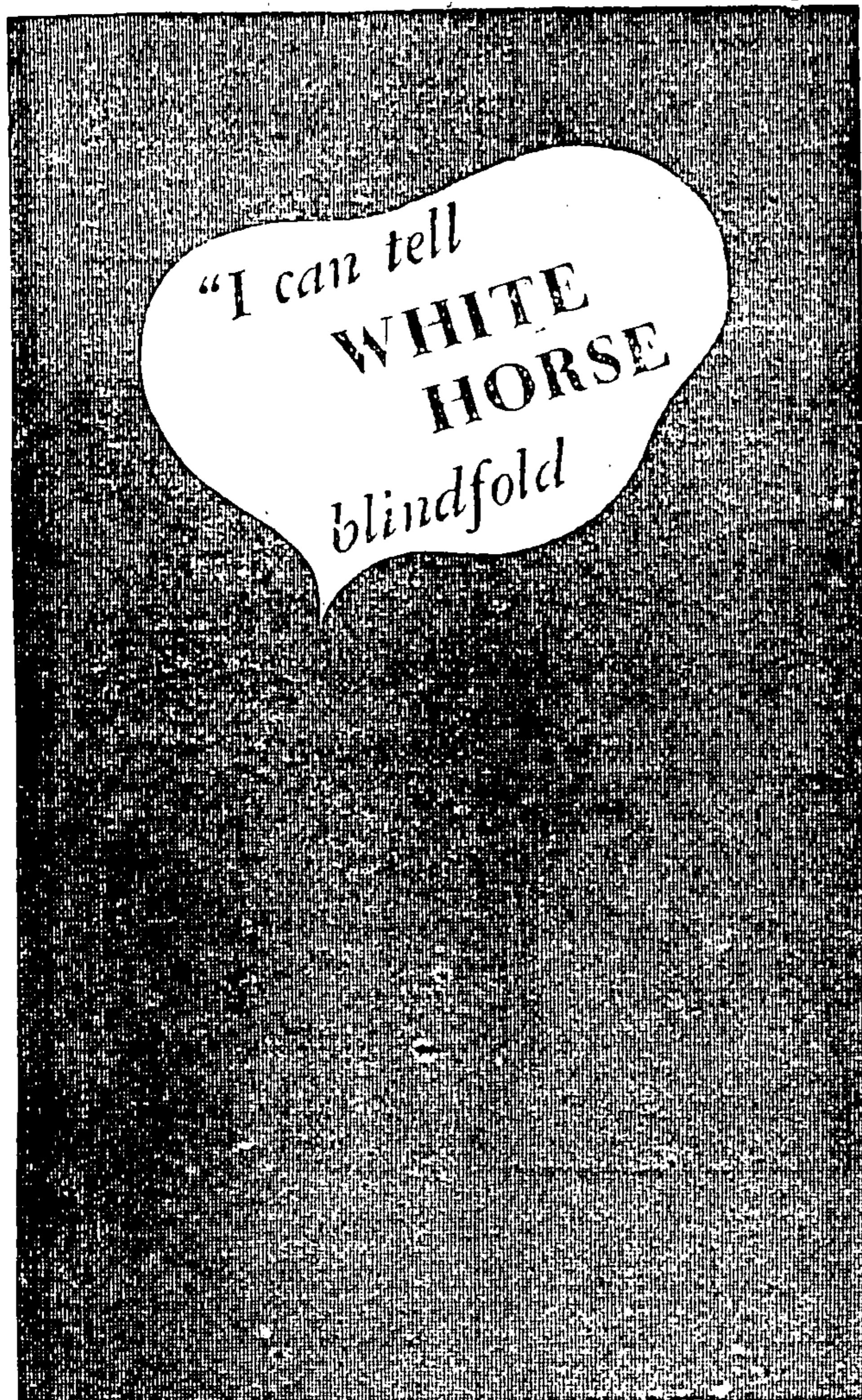
Though the Coalition crashed and some sort of ban was put on Chamberlain and Birkenhead, they were Conservatives still. Mr. Churchill was left for a while without a seat in Parliament and without a party. Neither Mr. Lloyd George's brand of Liberalism nor that of the successors of Asquith suited him. Wiseacres predicted that he had no future in politics.

Two years after the crash he was Chancellor of the Exchequer in a Conservative Government, the very place which his father, at the apex of power, had won 40 years earlier. Both appointments may be called the triumph of ability over die-hard prejudice. Lord Randolph, who "forgot Goschen," may not have been indispensable, but the decision of the Conservative leader, Lord Baldwin, that Mr. Churchill was the necessary man to a Conservative Cabinet came from bitter experience. The whirligig of time had brought in its revenges.

There was to be one more. In the National Government of 1931 Mr. Churchill was given no place, nor was one found for him on its reconstructions by Lord Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain. We know now that Austen Chamberlain deplored the passing over of Mr. Churchill when the need for rearmament became urgent. Whatever could be done outside the Government to quicken the pace Mr. Churchill did with all his might. For the objections which kept him below the gangway till war was upon us a heavy price has been paid.

He came to the first place in the darkest hour by universal consent and demand. Chatham, when events carried him to office, said, in his grand manner, "My lord, I know that I can save this country and that no one else can." Mr. Churchill does not use this style. There is more humour in his composition; always, even in the darkest hour, something of the laugh of the spirit of adventure.

"In the sixties," he has said, "a politician is in his 'nooh-day prime.' Whatever comes will assuredly find him 'vehement, high and daring' till the guns salute our victory."



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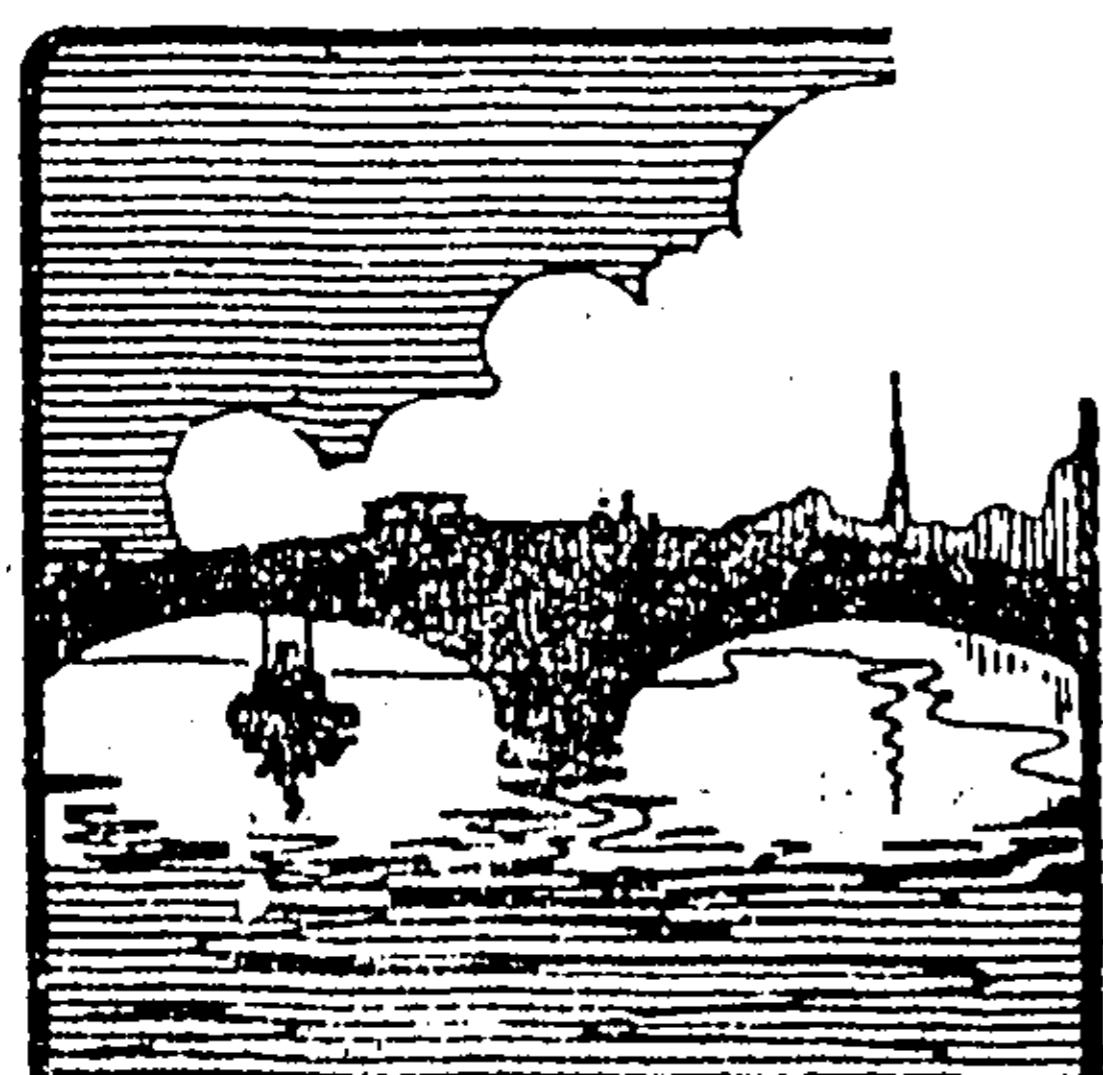
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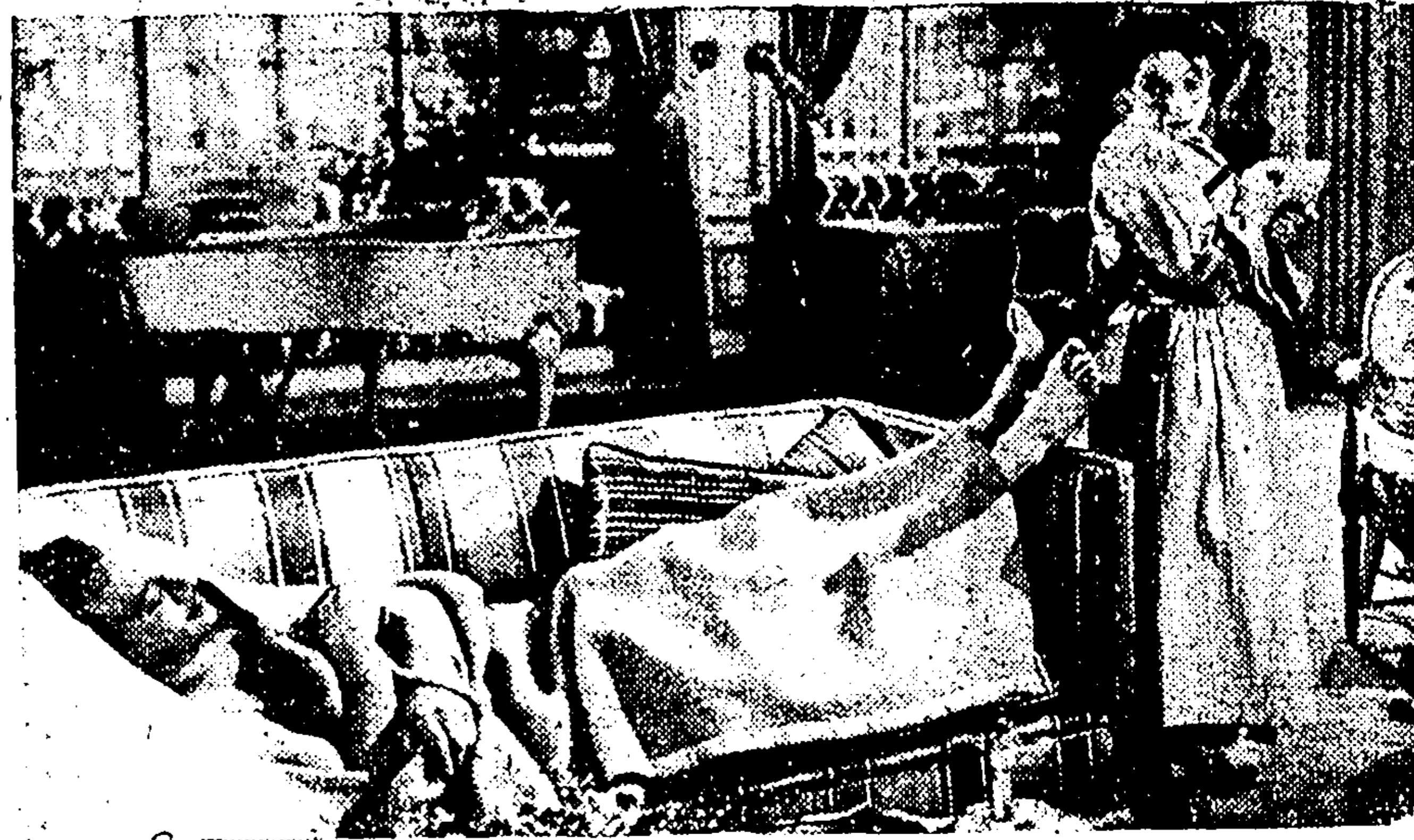
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TAILORS REVOLT OVER OFFICERS' DEBTS

SCME LONDON military tailors have so much money owing to them on officers' uniforms that they are adopting various measures for their protection.

In some cases they are requiring a deposit of £10 or £5 when the order is given. Others decline to give credit. One firm in the City posts in its window names, units and private addresses of "defaulters."

The last method has resulted in bills being quickly paid but it is not being generally adopted.

At one well-known firm it was stated:

"While we should not think of putting names in a window, we feel that something drastic will have to be done shortly if certain officers do not pay their bills."

"It is annoying to remember that some officers, after getting their grants from the War Office for the specific purpose of buying uniform, spend it on something else, and make their tailors wait."

Another firm said:

"One of the difficulties is that when the tailor wishes to send his bill to the officer he often finds that he has been moved to another part of the country and it is not easy to find him."

Just Commissioned

"Sometimes young officers come in to order uniform, saying they have just been commissioned but have not yet received their grants."

"We have refused to make uniform in cases where the officer says he has no money, but if he can pay a deposit that is a different matter."

Other tailors said that an officer would sometimes, after promotion, want to order a new uniform before he had paid for the previous one.

In such cases it was their custom not to supply the order unless the first bill was paid.

£30 May Be Increased

An officer has a grant of £30 towards the cost of uniform.

Suggestions made in Parliament recently that this amount should be increased because the Purchase Tax makes uniforms dearer are under consideration by the War Office.

It is expected in political circles that some increase will be made.

The Paymaster-general's department does not admit that there is avoidable delay in making the grants, though allegations to this effect have been made.

Where delay does occur, it was stated; it is usually because the officer has neglected to submit the necessary papers, or has filled them in incorrectly.

SAW THEIR SON ABLAZE IN SKY

WHEN HIS 'PLANE was attacked and set ablaze over Kent, an R.A.F. sergeant-pilot, wounded in the leg by a cannon shell, baled out and drifted to safety within three miles of his home.

His parents stood outside their home and watched him come down.

Their son pulled his parachute ripcord at 14,000 feet. As he was slowly coming down he took his wireless lead and tied it tightly round his leg to stop the flow of blood.

"Then I realised my tunic was on fire," he said, "so I beat out the flames with my hands. I singed my moustache, too."

"My parents came to see me in hospital next day. It was then that they told me they had watched me coming down."

Upside Down

Another pilot of the same squadron—it was among the first squadrons to shoot down 100 aircraft while operating from one station—destroyed a Messerschmidt 109 and then had his own plane set on fire by a cannon shell.

"I was not very high, so tried to land in a field 150 yards long," he said, "but smoke and flames made it difficult."

"I side-slipped, then went into a slight dive from 50ft. I pulled my knees up, put my head between them, and when about 10 to 15ft. from the ground pulled the stick hard back."

"The machine came down tail first, the hood shut tight in the crash, and the aircraft turned over at least once, finishing upside down."

"I was unhurt except for slight bruises, but the problem was how to get out, because the machine was now well alight. Fuel from the radiator poured over me. Altogether I was extremely uncomfortable."

'Plane Exploded

"Luckily, a civilian came along. I told him to get an axe. He soon brought a chopper and split the side of the cockpit open. But I

SWISS AND 'NEW ORDER'

According to a Berlin message it has been officially stated in the Wilhelmsstrasse that reports that Switzerland and Sweden had been invited to take part in talks regarding the creation of a "new order" in Europe were untrue.

STOPPED THE TRAINS

British barrage balloons, which have drifted as far as Denmark, have caused grave dislocation in Jutland where trains have been forced to stop, says a Berlin report.

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"Two minutes later the aircraft exploded and ammunition began to go off in all directions."

After a week's leave the same pilot had to bale out over the sea, but was rescued after spending some time in the water.

The squadron is led by a champion hurdler who has represented Britain at the Olympic Games. Recently he took delivery of a new fighter, a Spitfire provided by the Observer Corps and with the Observer Corps crest on the fuselage.

On each of his first three flights in it he bagged a Messerschmidt.

OUR TANKS BETTER THAN NAZIS'

Since the Germans swept through Northern France British factories have produced tanks and guns surpassing anything used in battle by British units. From Canada and other Empire countries has come some of the newest war equipment.

Many of the German principles of mechanised warfare have been copied and improved.

"It happened like this many times in the last war," said the colonel of a tank brigade.

It is claimed that many of the tanks are better than the Germans have yet devised, and that new mobile guns provide fire-power never before achieved.

The aim is an army of technicians to operate the equipment and this goal is in sight.

THE GERMAN "HERRENVOLK" AT WORK

(From A Special Correspondent)

A YEAR HAS ELAPSED since the Nazis incorporated certain parts of Poland in the Reich and formed the rest of the territories under their occupation into the General-Gouvernement. The anniversary has been the occasion for speeches and newspaper articles reviewing the evolution of German administration and policy in Poland. Himmler, addressing a Nazi organisation at Madrid on problems of the "Ostraum" (Germany's "space in the East"), declared:

The purpose of a victorious war is not to gain population of alien race, but to acquire agricultural land. As a result of victory in the East, Germany has had to take over eight millions of such populations, but has already made provision for a clear separation of the different peoples. All those of alien race, and especially the Jews, will be transferred to the General-Gouvernement.

These areas have been incorporated in the Reich, and are settled with German-speaking and have been incorporated in the General-Gouvernement. In 1939, 1,000,000 Polish Jews, Germans and Poles were gathered along the frontiers. In the Ostrava, Olsztyn, Lódz, Warsaw, Cracow, Lublin, Tarnow, Szczecin, Gdansk and the Bialystok districts, and in the towns. "They have not to be inland," say Rosendorff, "and we are acquiring a Fatherland." Moreover, a certain number of settlers have come from the Reich, and a further 30,000 are expected from Lithuania and 13,000 from the Southern Dobruja. "But many millions will be needed." "The management of these new territories is enormous," writes the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung." "The writers explain that of the conditions of the war the necessary timber will be provided by 1,000,000 German soldiers. "The Germans will be citizens," writes the "Kohlseiter Zeitung," "the Poles will be Schutzbefohlene (in tutelage)."

In the future German scheme the General-Gouvernement is assigned the place of a Nebenland (adjunct territory). The "Frankfurter Zeitung" reports an anniversary address delivered by Reichsamtseiter Zarske, Chief Press Officer of the General-Gouvernement (his father was a Danzig Pole, whose name was Zarski):

Hitherto the Germans had not known how to act as leaders among "foreign" peoples. The General-Gouvernement is the first test of German power beyond the narrow frontiers of the Reich. Here German officials direct a population of about 13 millions . . . about 130 inhabitants to the square kilometre, an extraordinarily figure for a predominantly agricultural land (Himmler proposes to place another eight millions in the over-populated country). This makes the living base of the General-Gouvernement exceedingly narrow. Its only export is the labour force of its inhabitants.

The German victory has closed for ever Poland's existence. . . . Herr Zarske further explained that in the course of the year a new conception had arisen concerning the General-Gouvernement—it is to become "a permanent part of the Great-German power-sphere." To-day German Ostpolitik is not the task of individuals, but the joint labour of a whole nation. The German Lebensraum stretches far into Eastern Europe."

German "Embusques"

Vested interests have been created. The German officials imported into Poland mean to retain the posts they hold, far superior to what they could aspire to at home. They live well, and they make up their stipends by taking bribes, by extortions and speculations. They are complete masters of the fate of millions, and take full advantage of it. The demoralisation among them is striking. Most of all, they are out to prove the imperative need of leaving them in Poland.

In the case of the Gestapo this means that whenever the idea arises of calling up its young men for army service, they start a new "man-hunt" or discover a "Polish plot" to justify their continued presence.



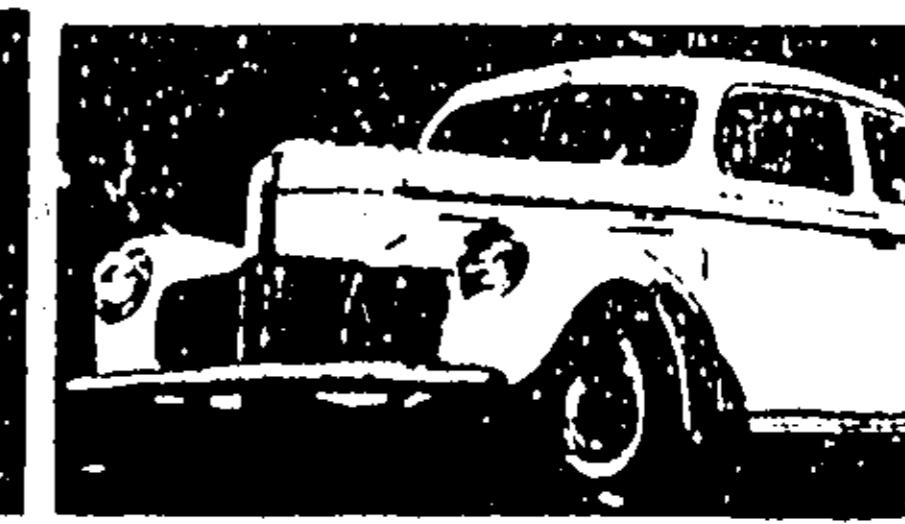
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C. B. BROWN,
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BRIDGE NOTES

A Shift In Time

By The Four Aces

In the old days of Whist there were only two approved reasons for failing to return the suit your partner opened: not having any cards in the suit, and sudden death. Modern Bridge players are not so wooden as all that, but probably few would be as imaginative as East in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable♠ K 9 7 5
♦ 7 5 3
♥ A J 6
♣ Q J 7♠ J 3
♦ A Q J 2
♥ Q 7 4 3
♣ 8 5 4

N W E S

♠ 10 8 6 4
♦ 2
♥ K 10
♣ K 5 2♠ A Q
♦ 9 8 6 4
♥ 10 9 8
♣ A K 10 9

The bidding:

South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
2NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the three of diamonds, dummy played low, and East won with

the diamond King

It was quite evident that there was no use continuing the diamonds; dummy could win the next two diamond tricks, and by the time those cards were

forced out South would probably have developed enough tricks for his contract.

East considered switching to

spades, but realised that spade tricks were available only if West had the Ace and two other spades. But even if that were so, dummy would hold up the spade King until the third round of the suit in order to shut out the East hand.

The fact that East had no entries made it clear to him that he ought to shift to some suit which his partner probably held. So, in far less time than it has taken to report, East decided to lead the King of hearts.

He was pleased to see that South played a low heart, but was a bit shaken when West dropped the heart deuce.

Ordinarily, that would be a signal to discontinue the suit; but East realised that his partner might be unable to spare a higher card for fear of losing a trick thereby. He therefore continued with the heart ten, defeating the contract. Note that if the defenders had failed to take their four hearts at once, South would have made nine tricks.

* * *

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 10 9 7 3 2

♥ —

♦ K

♣ K 10 5 4 2

The bidding:

You Jacoby Burnstone Schenken

1♣ Pass 2♦ Pass

(?)

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. You may never get another chance to show the clubs if you fail to bid them now. This bid at the "skip level" indicates the strength of the hand; a jump to four clubs would be a decided overbid.

Score 100% for three clubs, 40% for three spades, 30% for four clubs, 20% for two spades.

Question No. 655

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3

♥ Q

♦ 8 4 2

♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Mair

1♦ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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TO FIGHT WELL—EAT WELL

"It is highly questionable whether men with a prolonged history of organic dyspepsia, especially of peptic ulceration, should be allowed to join the Fighting Services," says the "British Medical Journal."

"A dyspeptic soldier is a liability. A dyspeptic civilian, living under a careful regime may well become an asset."

"The Army still marches on its stomach, even though it travels in mechanised vehicles, and the dyspeptic passenger should be discouraged from taking part in the journey."

These comments are made on a report, just issued of two medical investigations into dyspepsia among troops

The change to Army food, which was too heavy for those prone to ulcers was the most important factor leading to the breakdown of many of the troops who have suffered from dyspepsia. It was discovered.

Good From Outside

Mr. Reginald L. Payne, a London surgeon, and Dr. C. Newman, of the British Postgraduate Medical School, who conducted the investigation on behalf of the Royal College of Physicians say that in the period between the dispatch of the B.E.F. and last April 14.4 per cent. of all cases evacuated to Britain had a primary diagnosis of gastric or duodenal disease.

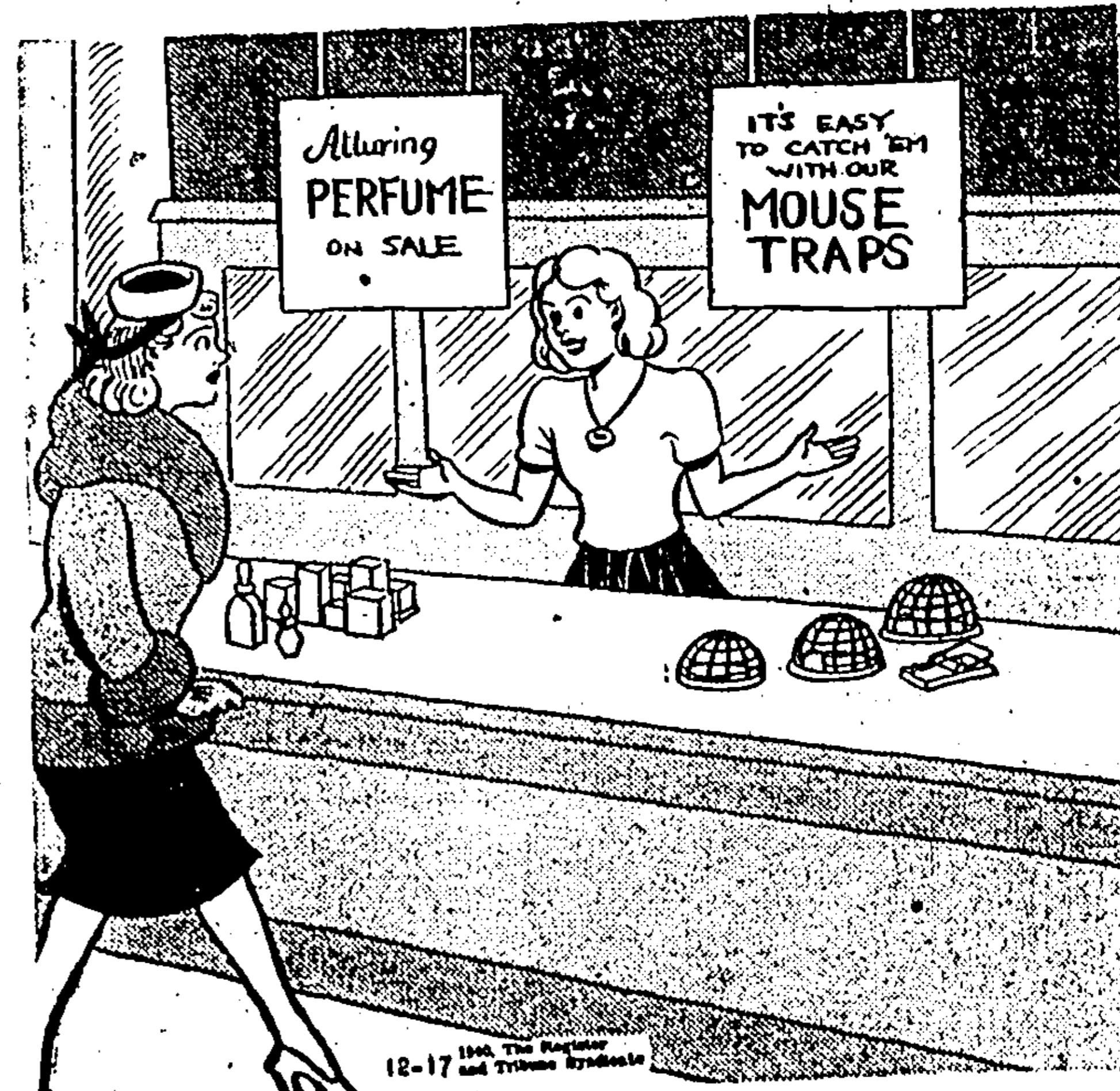
Many men replaced their rations by food bought outside and so, avoided a breakdown until they got to France, where this practice became difficult.

There was, say the investigators, much criticism that the Army cooking was bad; but the criticism came from men with abnormal digestions.

Fatty food, which was appreciated by healthy men, appeared to the dyspeptics to be "greasy."

Men who served in the last war said that the food was better this time, but there was a constantly reiterated complaint of good food spoilt.

OFF THE RECORD



Here's Luck

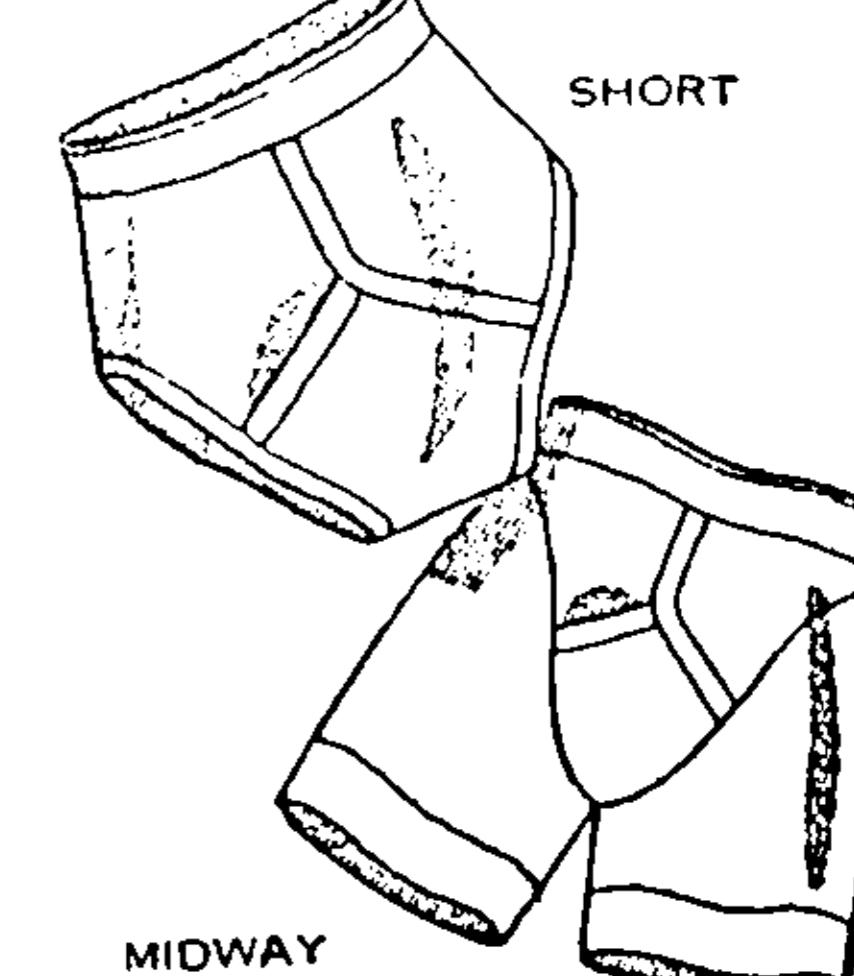
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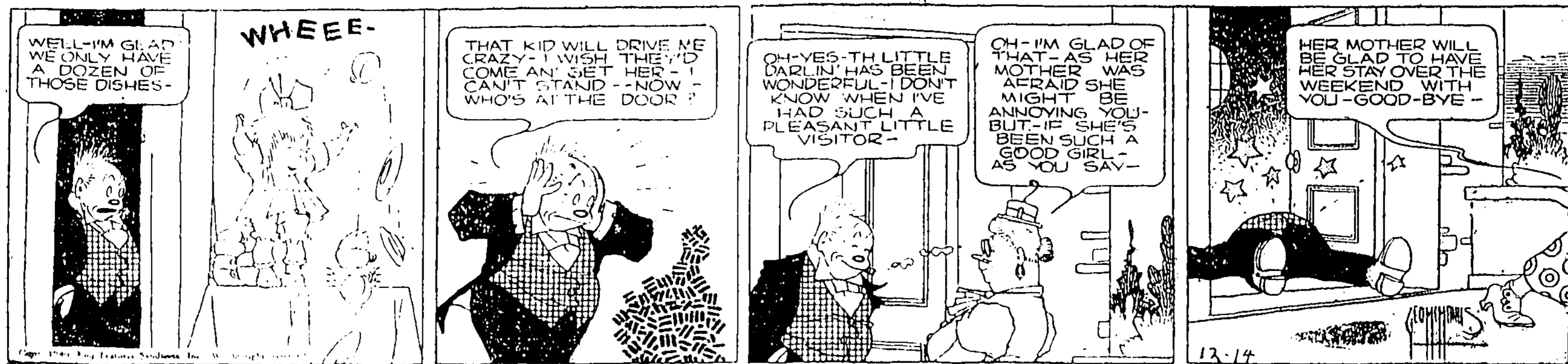
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN For Older Women

How proud are the children and relatives of the elderly woman who keeps herself nicely groomed and as becomingly dressed as her circumstances will permit!

Some women get the idea as their years add up, that they are interested in their appearance. Others like to feel that age excuses them from bothering with the niceties of personal grooming. These assumptions are lamentable for I never see an elderly woman who is attractive in appearance without thinking, "How charming I'll bet she is every bit as popular as scores of women twenty years younger than herself." And I know others react the same way.

Now I do not advocate poorly made make-up, skin which is either too pale or too dark. Nor do I like to see a too youthful culture on a silveryed head. But I do like to see a woman retain her youth, her beauty, and that with grace except glorified and dignified by appropriate beauty aids.

First, I would see that she had a supply of fluffy, down face pads, a box of the best sanded face powder in the exact shade of her complexion, an eyebrow brush and possibly a brown brow pencil. I would also buy, even against her protestation the most delicate of rouges and lipstick for I loathe seeing older women with drained, too pale faces if they are in fairly good health.

Then I would stock her bathroom with some epsom salts by the pound, for occasional hot baths, the most delectable floral bath oil I could lay my hands on, a cologne which was not too drying (one of those which are partly oil and partly alcohol and scented) in violet, honey suckle, lemon or any other fresh fragrance. I would adore presenting a huge body puff of pink down — or one that was at least eight inches in diameter and a box of powder to accommodate it.

If she didn't have adequate hair aids or a manicure set complete with a softly tinted lacquer polish, I would see that she got them. Then I would explain the use and harmlessness of anti-perspirants and deodorants, for no grandmother of mine would be guilty of this ignorance if I could help it!

You may think that is a sizable list of aids, but do remember that they may easily last for months and in the meantime they serve as inspiration to careful grooming and she will experience great joy in using each of them.

Any woman, old or young, who takes pride in personal grooming cannot help but take pride in her clothing. That follows as night the day, and she turns herself out in a most attractive manner feeling self-assured, appreciated, and grateful!

A SUPPER PARTYS WITHOUT SWEETS

is enjoyed by all

says Dorothy Greig

PARTY food to most of us means something rich and sweet, "all sugared and goosed up fit to kill", as a bachelor friend of the family describes it.

This same bachelor knows where of he speaks for he is in demand at parties and is faced and "baffled" (his own word) by much party food.

Refreshments served at his own smart little supper parties are very different. His platform on the subject is simple, his adherence to it unswerving. "No sweets", says he.

He insists that all food must be crisp, crunchy, meaty or high flavored. There's never a whipped cream or sweet concoction to be seen.

Rather you will find thick soup ladled smoking hot from an enormous high riding tureen, cold whole baked hams, pots of pork and beans, fresh crusty rye bread, chilled salad greens, crunchy celery hearts, sardines, wonderful cheeses, pickles, polished red apples, juicy pears—all that sort of thing. And his guests love it—perhaps because such honest, gusty, relished foods are met but seldom at parties.

For instance, this spicy hot tomato juice punch provides a jolly start to such a sweetless supper.

**Hot Mulled Tomato Juice
with Lemon Slice Garnish**

5 cups tomato juice
6 tablespoons medium brown sugar
6 whole cloves

2 sticks cinnamon, about 3 inches long
4 slices lemon

Combine all ingredients, bring to a slow boil and simmer for five minutes. Strain. Serve hot from a large bowl with thin slices of lemon and orange floating on top. Makes 1 1/4 quarts hot mulled tomato juice.

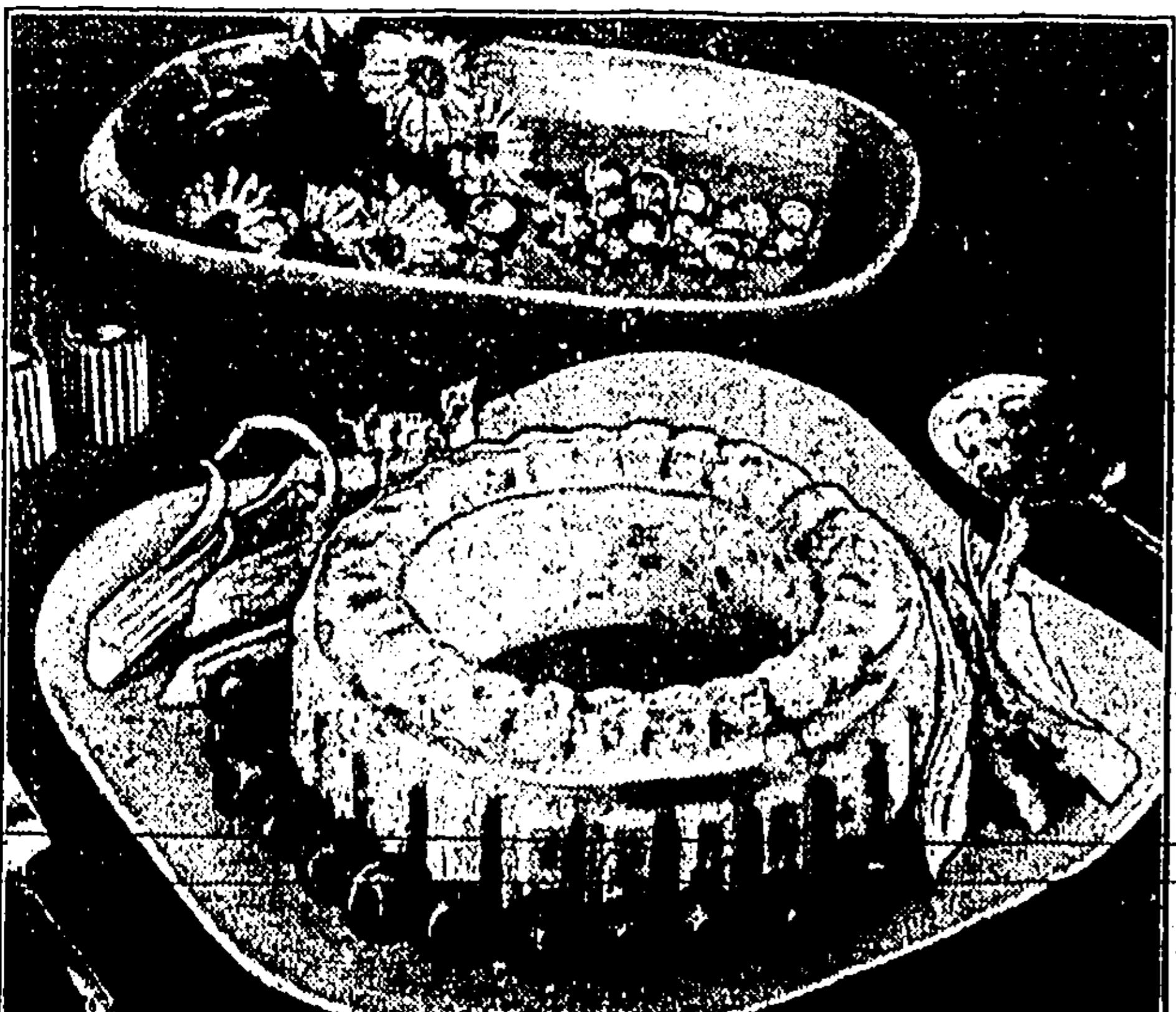
Supper Party Salad Mousse

This salad is another suggestion. It consists of crisp vegetables imprisoned in a chicken flavored mousse. Simple to make, delightful to eat.

2 cans condensed chicken soup
2 eggs, separated
1 tablespoon gelatine (softened in
1/4 cup water)

1 1/2 cups cooked carrots, diced
1/2 cup diced celery or cucumber
1 cup cooked green peas
1/4 cup salad dressing or mayonnaise

Heat the soup, add egg yolks gradually and cool until slightly thickened. Dissolve softened gelatine in hot soup mixture. Chill until it begins to stiffen, then fold in carrots, green peas, celery or cucumber, beaten egg whites and mayonnaise. Pour into a mold and chill until firm. Remove from mold and serve on salad greens—lettuce, watercress or chickory or garnished with celery hearts and stuffed olives. Serves 8.



Fresh vegetables and condensed chicken soup are combined to make a delicious salad mousse.

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U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 8th February)

SUNDAY

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" San Francisco date, 2nd March

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WEDNESDAY

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5.00 p.m.

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6.45 a.m.

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9.30 a.m.

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3.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

12.47 p.m.—Billy Mayerl—Four Aces' Suite.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 101 in D. Minor (The "Clock").

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Noel Coward—Scenes from "Tonight at 8.30".

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Britain Speaks.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—An hour of Popular Classics.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Colonel H. B. Holt, O.B.E., M.C., on "Italian Somaliland".

9.45 p.m.—Scottish Songs.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.05 p.m.—Ignaz Friedman at the Piano.

10.08 p.m.—Elgar—Concerto in B. Minor, Op. 61.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

THE CHINA MAIL, MARCH 4, 1941.

YOUNGEST PRISONER OF WAR**THEY CALL HIM 'THE ADMIRAL'**

(By A Special Correspondent)

AT SCHOOL they called Leslie McDermott Brown the "Admiral." To go to sea was his great ambition. At fifteen he was a cadet in the Glasgow liner *Kemmendine*.

She vanished on a voyage from Cape Town to Rangoon last August. Now "Admiral" Brown is known to be a captive of the Nazis — the youngest British prisoner of war in Germany.

His mother, overjoyed that he is alive, has taken from a wardrobe the warm coat he used to wear on the bridge.

She has hung it proudly on the side of the dining-room mantelpiece in her home at Kingsacre Road, King's Park, Glasgow.

Mrs. Brown, in her suburban home, told me of the long months of anxiety for the safety of her son since she had received his last letter, dated June 28, from Cape Town.

Her Thanks-Offering

Then she heard on the radio that he was safe.

Later she got a postcard from him from a German prison camp.

"When Leslie left on what was the last voyage of the *Kemmendine*, he knew he was going to a hot climate," said Mrs. Brown.

"So he left behind all his heavy clothes, including his bridge coat, of which he was very proud.

"At nights, when I listened to the German broadcasts and I did not hear my boy's name mentioned among the prisoners of war, I sometimes felt depressed.

"I took out his bridge coat and wept over it.

"Leslie was born on April 1, but it has proved no Fock's Day for him, but extremely lucky.

"He realised his greatest ambition when he went to sea."

As a thanks-offering for the safety of her son, Mrs. Brown has given £5 to the Red Cross.

Leslie has a brother in the R.A.F., who wrote often to his mother during her months of anxiety that he was sure that Leslie was safe.

No trace has been found of the 7,769-ton *Kemmendine*, which was carrying 147 people, including thirty-eight passengers.

Like many experts, Mrs. Brown believes that the liner was the victim of a surface raider which took her son to Germany.

SAFE IN PIT PROP SHELTER

Pit props supporting a ceiling to make an indoor shelter saved the lives of four people during the London raid.

A bomb fell in waste land twelve yards from a two-storey block of flats. One side of the building was ripped away and the roof shattered, but the floor and ceiling between the upper and lower flats, supported by the pit-props, remained intact.

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ENGINEERS TO MEET ROYALS IN IMPORTANT RUGBY GAME

Army Cross Country Run Very Well Supported

By "Squaddy"

AT Sookunpoo last Saturday, Royal Scots and the Middlesex met for their second local derby which resulted in a win for the Middies by three goals to one, after having a one goal lead at the interval.

Royal Army Service Corps who defeated Navy on Sunday at Causeway Bay 7 goals to 1 have now beaten the goal scoring record by one goal and should be able to increase this by many more in their remaining matches.

They are still fighting hard to displace Royal Engineers from their lead in the Second Division, but it looks as if Engineers are well situated there now, and they have only another five games to play before the end of the season.

In Third Division Royal Air Force are creeping away from Royal Corps of Signals who are now four points in the lead, although the Signals have two games in hand.

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CROSS

COUNTRY RUN

TO-DAY at the Hong Kong Polo ground, Boundary Street, the Command Cross Country runs are being held. This year there are two separate runs, one for Indian other ranks and one for the British ranks of the Garrison.

The first run commences at 3.30 p.m. which is the Indian run, and the British ranks run commences at 3.50 p.m.

The undermentioned teams have entered for these runs:

British Ranks
Combined Small Units
Combined 8th & 12th Hvy. Regts., R.A.
Fortress Royal Engineers.

2nd Royal Scots.

1st Bn The Middlesex Regt.

Indian Ranks
Combined 8th & 12th Hvy. Regts., R.A.
6th A.A. Regt., R.A.
1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.
2/14th Punjab Regt.

5/7th Rajput Regt.

This is the first year that the Units of the Garrison have been separated for this competition, and it is hoped to make this event

more open. Last year's winners, Rajputana Rifles, who have left the Colony had a good team and it is rumoured that their relief, the 5/7th Rajputs, have a strong team and are expected to do well this afternoon.

The H.K.S.R.A. have been in strict training for this event and have one or two dark horses, and are hoping to pull off the individual prizes.

Combined 8th & 12th Hvy. Regts., Indian Ranks should be so, on the whole, a strong team and so on the whole a keen run should be witnessed in the Indians' run. Middlesex, who had a trial run last week against the Combined Small Units and beat them easily, are expected to pull off the British Ranks run.

Royal Scots who for the past two months have been in camp and should be very fit, have had plenty of time to train and get together a good team, and it is hoped that they will do well this afternoon in this competition.

There are two Cups being presented at the conclusion of the runs.

The Command Cross Country Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team of both runs who have the lowest aggregate points and the winning team of the run who have the most points will be presented with a new Cup presented for this occasion.

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SNOOKER

THE Medical Corps are still leading in the Garrison Snooker league and now are three points in the lead of the Royal Engineers Sergeants.

Results of recent matches were:

R.A.P.C. 4 pts. R.E. Sgts. 2 pts.

R.A.M.C. 4 pts. Signals "A" 2 pts.

C.M. Police 2 pts. Signals Cpls. 4 pts.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	8	4	1	3	32
R.E. Sgts.	8	4	2	2	29
R.E. "A"	7	2	1	4	22
R.A.P.C.	8	2	3	3	21
R.A. Stanley	6	2	0	4	20
C.M. Police	7	1	2	4	20
Signals Cpls.	8	2	4	2	19
Signals "A"	8	2	0	17	17

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

Saturday

First Division

Middlesex v Police
(Boundary Street 4.30 p.m.)

R. Scots v Kowloon
(Kowloon 4.30 p.m.)

Eastern v St. Joseph's
(Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)

Second Division

Middlesex v Ordnance
(Boundary Street 3 p.m.)

R. Scots v Kowloon
(Kowloon 3.00 p.m.)

South China v Navy
(Caroline Hill 3.00 p.m.)

Service Corps v Kwong Wah
(St. Joseph's 4.30 p.m.)

30th R.A. v Club
(St. Joseph's 3.00 p.m.)

Third Division

Medicals v Signals
(Club 3.00 p.m.)

36th R.A. v 12th R.A.
(Military 4.30 p.m.)

20th R.A. v International
(Chatham Road 3.00 p.m.)

Engineers v 35th R.A.
(Military 3.00 p.m.)

24th R.A. v 7th R.A.
(Chatham Road 4.30 p.m.)

Sunday

First Division

South China v Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)

Second Division

Kit Chee v Engineers
(Caroline Hill 3.00 p.m.)

Third Division

Shell v Air Force
(Boundary Street 3.00 p.m.)

A.S.A. v Service Corps
(Chatham Rd. 4.30 p.m.)

RUGBY

THERE are still four Army teams left in the Colony Seven-a-Side Rugby tournament, and the Quarter Finals will be played on Saturday at the Club ground commencing at 3 p.m.

Royal Scots, who defeated the Combined Small Units last Saturday, have a hard match on with Royal Engineers, and the Middlesex Regt. "B" team are playing the Butterfield and Swire seven. The 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., meet the Tamar and Small Ships which should be very interesting to watch.

Royal Engineers should in my opinion be able to pass into the Semi Finals and if they do succeed they will should get into the Final, and have a fine opportunity of winning the Tournament.

To-day, in the Large Units Rugby League, Royal Scots are due to play Royal Engineers.

So far Royal Engineers have not yet lost a game in this League and Royal Scots have only lost one, so it should prove a keen hard struggle.

C.S.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The first eleven of Hong Kong Civil Service Cricket Club will play a two-day friendly Cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's ground on Saturday and Sunday.

Following have been selected to represent Civil Service Club:

J. E. Richardson (Captain), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. Colledge, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Perry, R. G. K. Thompson, N. Whitley, R. M. Wood and A. M. J. Wright.

The second eleven will play Hong Kong Cricket Club in a friendly match on the latter's ground at 2 p.m. on March 8, and will be represented by:

H. E. Strange (Captain), G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, G. Davidson, F. W. Lawrence, J. T. Lockhart, J. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowen, J. Mitchell, G. Stone, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

OLYMPICS MAY BE REPLACED BY "BRITISH GAMES"

A prediction that the Olympic Games are a thing of the past and that a meeting of the British Commonwealth of Nations, similar to the British Empire Games, will take their place was made by Jack Lovelock, the former world mile record holder and winner of the 1,500 metres in the Berlin Olympics in 1936.

There has long been a feeling in athletic circles, particularly in the United States and Canada, that the Olympic Games are dead, and Lovelock is the most recent contributor to this theme of thought.

"The Olympic Games are in all probability a thing of the past," says Lovelock, writing in Sporting Life. "After experience of two of them I have been definitely against them, as bringing out certainly not the best in the game, whatever the athletes show."

Continuance Wanted

Lovelock urges the continuance of international sports because they give men confidence and experience, and, adequately controlled, do good for the sport. He thinks the most important internationals are going to be those known as the Empire Games.

Mr. A. P. Herbert stated recently that "nowadays we correct ourselves with difficulty to speak not of the Empire, but of the British Commonwealth of Nations. So the name of the games would have to be changed." He suggests "The British Games."

Lovelock urges the authorities to plan now. He suggests they could be held every four years, as now, and in the intervening year the already existing Empire and U.S.A. match previously held immediately after the Olympics should be elaborated.

Lovelock realises that it is not going to be a very easy thing, and he enumerates some of the difficulties to be overcome.

The strain that will be imposed on athletes from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, who will have to compete in Australia, New Zealand or South Africa after a hard season at home, and the time and cost of travelling — it will mean four months and £200 for a man to run in the Antipodes — are two of the chief obstacles.

But the advantages are numerous, not the least being that the men competing will have the same basic idea — having the time, let records come if they must.

FERRIER'S VALUABLE GOLF PRIZE

Jim Ferrier, the Australian open golf champion and formerly of Shanghai, recently won the amateur prize in the \$10,000 Miami Open Golf championship, when he scored a par 70 to defeat Earl Christiansen, a Miami detective, by three strokes in an 18-hole play-off for amateur honours.

Ferrier and Christensen had tied with 287 strokes for 72-holes, seven over par. — Reuter.

REFEREES' MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil this evening at 8 p.m.

PASSING OF A GRAND CRICKETER

GEORGE MACAULEY, WHOSE DEATH ON ACTIVE SERVICE WAS REPORTED RECENTLY WAS A PILOT OFFICER AND A YORKSHIRE CRICKETER FOR 15 YEARS.

Macaulay, whose bowling was just above medium pace and was deadly on a helpful wicket, played for the White Rose County from 1920 to 1935 and took 1,773 wickets at an average cost of 17.08 runs. During his career he did the "hat-trick" four times, and in 1925 he took 176 wickets at 15.21 apiece.

Macaulay scored 5,759 runs for Yorkshire, and he once reached the heights of greatness in a test match. Playing for England against Australia, at Headingley in 1926, he and George Geary, of Leicestershire, defied the Australian bowling in a ninth wicket partnership which put on 108, Macaulay claiming 76.

That was the match in which Charles Macartney scored his famous century before lunch after the Australians had been put in on a wicket which had been soaked overnight. Australia scored 494, and England lost wickets quickly. Then came Macaulay, tight-lipped and square-jawed to help force an honourable draw for England.

Many Obstacles

There is an interesting sidelight to the gallant part Macaulay played in that Test match. Just before he went in to bat he said to Hendren: "Pat, I want a bat with some runs in it. Have you got one?"

In reply Hendren handed over his favourite willow and said to Macaulay: "Forward the Light Brigade." Hendren tells this story in his book, "Big Cricket" and adds: "It was time to review the epic into the jaws of death in a cricket sense went George. But the hour provided the man."

Macaulay went to South Africa in 1922 under the captaincy of F. T. Mann and he distinguished himself in his first Test match by taking a wicket with his first ball and made the winning hit when England won by one wicket.

When playing against Leicestershire in 1934 Macaulay injured the spinning finger of his bowling hand and many thought this caused him to retire earlier than otherwise would have been likely.

Since retiring from first-class cricket in 1935, however, he had played with League sides in Wales, Lancashire and Yorkshire. When at his best he was recognised as the finest off-break bowler in the country. Not many people will remember that he began his career with Yorkshire as a fast bowler. It was George Hirst who told him to concentrate on spin and length and pay less attention to speed.

ST. JOSEPH'S SPORTS

The annual Athletic sports of St. Joseph's College will be held at the Caroline Hill stadium on Thursday, Mr. J. M. Wilson, B.S.C., will distribute the prizes at the end of the meet.



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SCIENCE INVADES THE REALM OF SPORT

Mechanical Devices Are The New Mode

The Electric Eye And Numerous Clever Inventions

"Kill the Umpire!" That colourful cry is going to lose its place in the language of baseball fans before long, writes a correspondent. There wouldn't be much satisfaction in yelling, "Kill the electric eye." But that's what you'd have to say, because, on many of the diamonds in America, the electric eye has been tried out on the job of calling strikes. Beams of light intersect at the correct height over the home plate. When a pitched ball cuts both beams, the electric eyes signal a strike.

And that's not a good start on what's happening in every sport. Science has invaded the playing field.

Stick to baseball for a minute. Marion Moore of St. Louis has invented a "parachute gun" that pitches from ball a minute at the receiving batter.

The Cleveland Indians have a portable machine that automatically measures how fast the ball travels. The pitcher holds it and a timer photoelectric cell to a "speedometer." Bob Feller can throw a ball at a speed of 100 miles an hour.

The team of the other famous of course, has been trying out a robot catcher. The pictures below show the robot catcher. The robot holds the ball at a target so perfectly it drops into a slot. The mechanical arm starts to move to catch the ball.

No Place For Slackers

Now take American football. Another new invention for the training of hulky linemen is a sled-like device, fitted with padded arms and springs. Against this, the players charge. A scale shows the reach, just what pressure each lineman is exerting. Dartmouth has a charging sled fitted with a huge, clock-like dial which records the total pressure being applied by all the linemen.

A revolutionary device for the training of boxers consists of two

MOSCOW MAKES HER POSITION QUITE PLAIN

Declines Bulgarian Request For Support

Bouquets To Ferdy

The 80-year-old ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who is living in exile at Coburg, in Germany, declared yesterday that the German-Bulgarian agreement is a justification of his 1914 policy, says the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Aftonbladet."

The correspondent adds that Germany hopes to "cure a 'moral' and political triumph by mediating a peace between Greece and Italy."

"The terms suggested," says the correspondent, "include Greek retention of part of her Albanian conquests against the cession to Germany of certain bases in Greek territory, returnable at the conclusion of the war." — Reuter.

ARREST OF BRITISH SYMPATHISERS

A total of 240 people in Romania, suspected of working for British interests, have been arrested and placed in a concentration camp near Targu-Jiu, states a telegram to the official German news agency.

Sixty of the arrests were made

Sofia Pretext Dismissed

THE FULL TEXT OF A LONG STATEMENT MADE IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY REGARDING THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE ON BULGARIA'S ADHERENCE TO THE TRIPARTITE PACT, SAYS:—

"On March 1, a representative of the Bulgarian Foreign Office informed the official representative of the Soviet Government in Bulgaria that the Bulgarian Government had agreed to the entry of German troops into Bulgaria, for the purpose of consolidating peace in the Balkans."

"On March 3, the Deputy People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Vishinsky, replied as follows to the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow, M. Stamenov:

"In reply to the communication of March 1, from the representative of the Bulgarian Foreign Office to the official representative of the Soviet Government in Bulgaria, to the effect that the Bulgarian Government in Bulgaria had agreed to the entry of German troops into Bulgaria and that this action had the purpose of preserving peace in the Balkans, the Soviet Government deem it necessary to say:

"First, the Soviet Government cannot share the view of the Bulgarian Government as to the correctness of her attitude in this question as this attitude, regardless of whether the Bulgarian Government wishes it, leads not to the consolidation of peace but to further extension of the sphere of war and the involvement of Bulgaria in the war."

Soviet Misrepresented

"Second, the Soviet Government, true to its peace policy, is not in a position to render any support whatever to the Bulgarian Government in the execution of her present policy."

"The Soviet Government finds it necessary to make this statement particularly in view of unhindered rumours in the Bulgarian press which misrepresent the real attitude of the Soviet Government." — Reuter.

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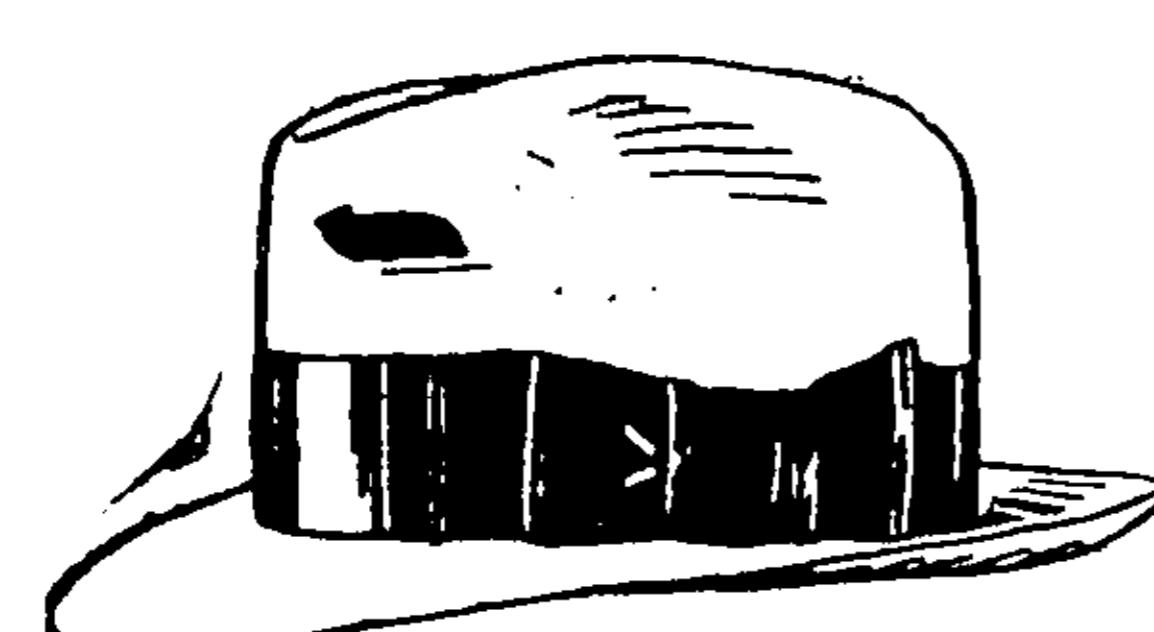
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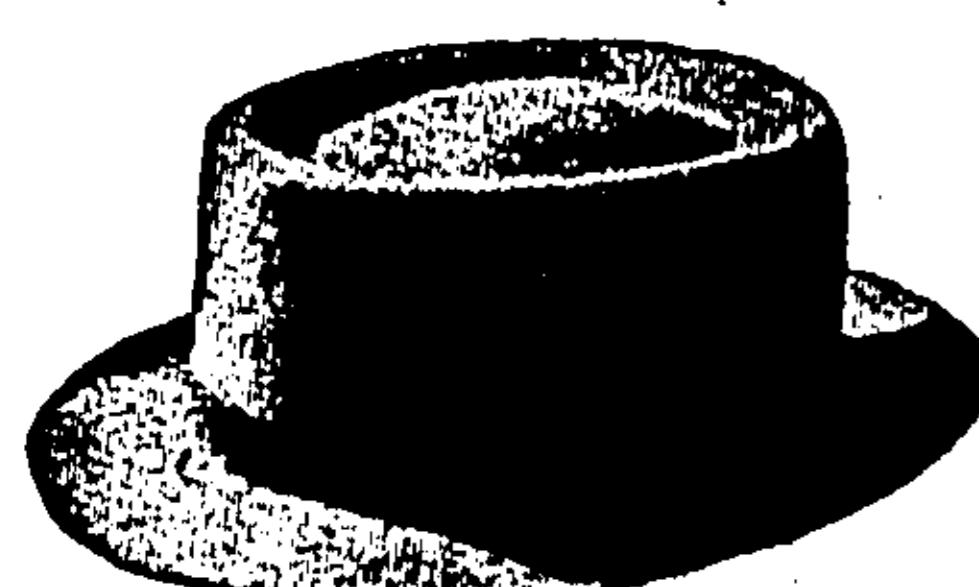
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From Sofia Policy

Moscow radio announced last night that the Soviet Foreign Commissariat had informed the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow yesterday that the Soviet Government considered the entry of German troops into Bulgaria tends towards extension of the war to the Balkans, and that it could not support the attitude of the Bulgarian Government. — Reuter.

MR. EDEN'S TALKS
IN GREECE

MR. ANTHONY EDEN'S talks with the Greek authorities, which began on Sunday night, ended after midnight and were expected to be resumed yesterday afternoon.

General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was present at the conversations.

The visit of Mr. Eden and General Dill is expected to last several days. They had a tremendous reception from waiting crowds after attending an official luncheon in Athens. A band greeted them with the world-famed strains of "Tipperary."

Mr. Eden yesterday morning received the American and Turkish Ministers at the British Legation.

Air War
Round
Britain

One enemy fighter was shot down by R.A.F. fighters off the Kent coast yesterday afternoon during "slight enemy activity over this country during daylight," according to an official communiqué.

A bomb was dropped on a town in Kent. One was killed and a small number injured.

One British fighter is missing. The enemy last night were over a South Wales town and East Anglia. London also had an alert last night. — Reuter.

JAPANESE BIAS
BAY ACTIVITY

According to Chinese reports which could not be confirmed this morning, seven Japanese warships and two transports arrived in Bias Bay on Sunday.

Wild Rumours In
Bulgarian Capital

EVENTS WERE MARKING TIME IN SOFIA YESTERDAY. RUMOURS HAD BEEN CIRCULATING IN THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL TO THE EFFECT THAT 20 GERMAN DIVISIONS HAD ALREADY ENTERED BULGARIA, OF WHICH 15 WERE HEADING FOR THE TURKISH FRONTIER.

These rumours are evidently part of the Nazi war of nerves against the Turks. Military experts in Sofia point out that the movement of such a large body of troops is physically impossible, since the three Bulgarian roads available to the Germans could not have carried such a large volume of traffic in the time elapsed.

It is further pointed out that it is impossible to dispose 15 German divisions on the Turkish frontier, where the Bulgarian army is already concentrated.

While military experts consider that five divisions are enough to cover the Greek frontier, Greek diplomatic circles of Sofia state that there is no news yet of any German diplomatic pressure on Athens.

They presume this pressure will begin when Nazi divisions arrive on the Greek frontier.

COLONEL
DONOVAN
IN LONDON

Colonel W. J. Donovan, unofficial European observer for President Roosevelt, arrived in London from Lisbon yesterday.

He was in London in August and again in December and during the intervening periods has visited nearly a dozen capitals. Col. Donovan declined to say anything as to the object of his new visit to London or his recent visits to European capitals but said he did not expect to be in Britain more than a week. — Reuter.

INVASION
PORTS
BOMBED

The R.A.F. made a heavy attack on the invasion ports on the French coast last night.

FROM THE SOUTH COAST OF ENGLAND THE RAID WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE BUT A STIFF WIND IN THE STRAITS MUFFLED THE SOUND OF EXPLOSIONS.

ABOVE CALAIS AND BOULOGNE GREAT FLASHES LIGHTED UP THE SKY AND SCORES OF SEARCHLIGHTS WERE IN ACTION ALONG 20 MILES OF THE FRENCH COAST. — REUTER.

PRINCE
PAUL
MYSTERY

Some mystery surrounds a report that Prince Paul, Senior Regent of Yugoslavia, met Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, on Yugoslav territory yesterday morning.

The report was officially denied by the Yugoslav press authorities in Belgrade, but the story originated in usually reliable quarters.

In addition, it has been confirmed that Prince Paul left Belgrade by special train, travelling northwards, on Sunday night.

The meeting is said to have taken place on Prince Paul's estate at Broo, in Slovenia, near the point at which the Yugoslav, Austrian and Italian frontiers meet. — Reuter.

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China's Parliament In Session On Big Problems

CLOSE WATCH OF MOVES OF JAPANESE

DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC and food questions are principal points occupying the attention of the National People's Political Council which is at present in session in Chungking.

During a report given on foreign affairs for the past ten months, it is understood that the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, reviewed in detail Soviet, British and American relations with China.

He also reviewed the Tientsin silver issue and the question of a country which is unable to defend its own security.

Presidium Of Five

It is interesting to note that the Council's presidium of five includes the leaders of all political groups: General Chiang Kai-shek (Government and the Kuomintang), Mr. Chang Po-ling (Independent educationalist), Mr. Tao Jun-sun (Chinese Youth Party), Mr. Chang Chun-nan (Chinese National Socialist) and Miss Wu Yen-yan (Independent Woman Educationalist).

China's steps to counter the tripartite alliance, the facts being the Soviet-Japanese negotiations, the aim of Mr. Matsukawa's Oceanic demand and information concerning Mr. Lauchlin Currie's visit to Chungking, also occupied discussion.

It is learned that Dr. Wang Chung-hui agreed to give written replies at a later session of the Council.

Mr. Oong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, also submitted a report on the economic situation.

Food Policy

Questions raised by delegates included such questions as what is the Government's policy regarding Government's proposal regarding the sale of foodstuffs, what is the future Government food trade policy, Government monopoly or free trade, has the Government any effective measures to stabilise commodity prices, since prices differ considerably in different districts, and has the Government any plans for the proper distribution of commodities.

In reference to domestic affairs, General Chiang Kai-shek, in his opening address on Saturday, said that final victory must be the common goal.

National defence must be above everything else since there can be no freedom, rights or liberty in

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HEAVY ATTACK ON BERET

The R.A.F. launched a heavy attack on the Albanian aerodrome of Beret on Sunday, according to a communiqué issued in Cairo yesterday.

Direct hits were obtained on hangars and buildings which started an extensive fire visible over 50 miles away.

In Eritrea, the R.A.F. attacked positions around Keren, while a South African Air Force squadron continued to harass the enemy with machine-gun attacks.

At Burye, in Abyssinia, large fires and heavy explosions occurred as a result of the bombing of military objectives.—Reuter.

ITALIANS HURLED BACK

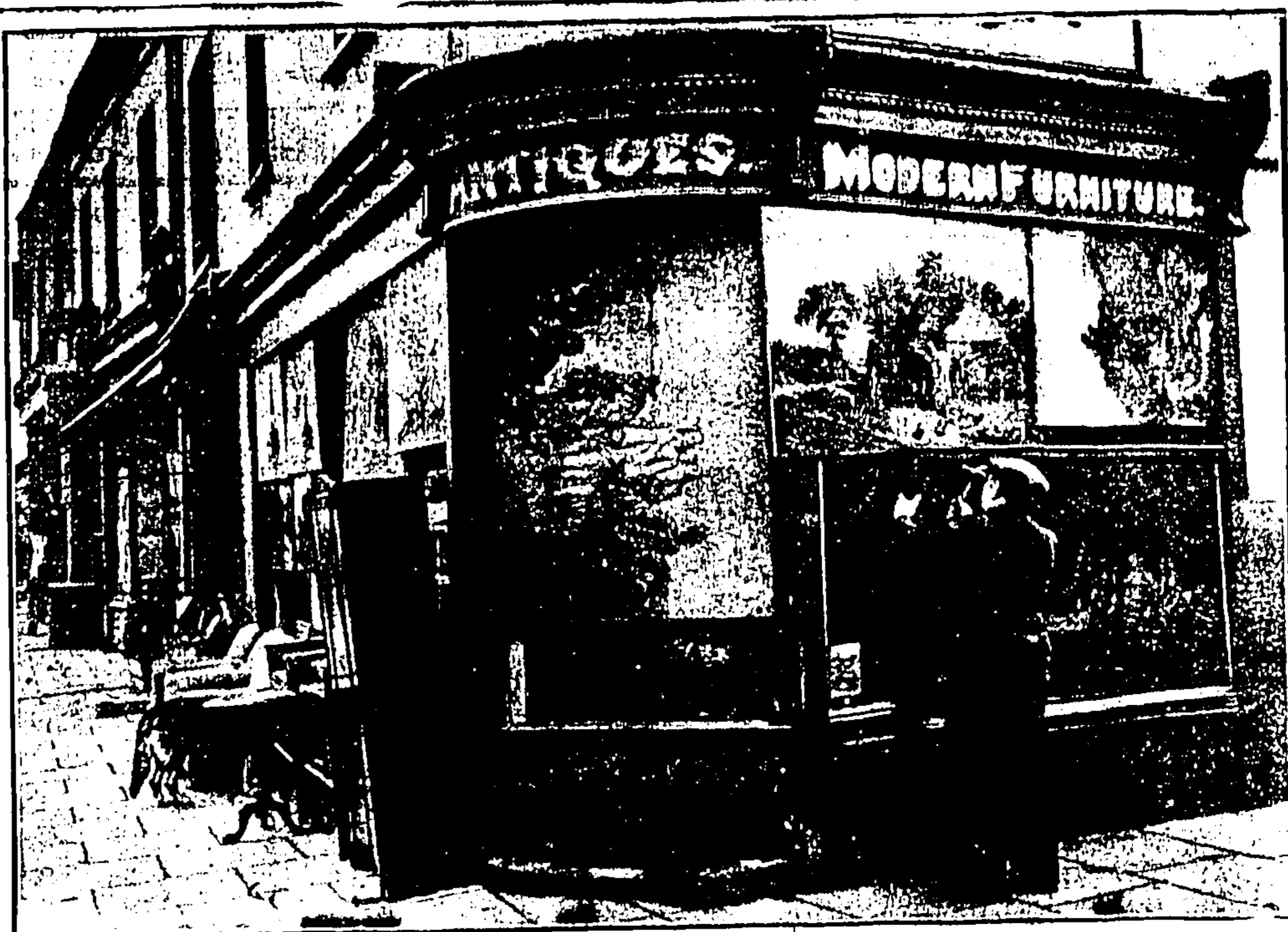
The Greeks continue to hurl back the Italians and on Saturday repelled two heavy Italian attacks, stated Athens radio last night quoting the Greek Press Ministry.

The first attack, at sunset, failed despite strong artillery preparation, and the Greeks, firing from 5,000-feet heights, stopped the Italian advance.

The second attack was made after dark and met with a like fate, plus great losses.—Reuter.

SOVIET UNION AND THAILAND

A preliminary agreement between Thailand and Soviet Russia, for the resumption of diplomatic and trade relations, is understood to have been reached in Moscow, says Reuter from Bangkok.



A USE FOR ART!—This furniture dealer in a West Country town found a novel use for old art paintings when the windows of his shop were smashed during a raid. (Copyright, Fox).

BULGARIAN FUNDS IN U.S. FROZEN

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Army Problem For The Shop

SOLDIERS IN BRITAIN may be asked to confine the spending of their money to Army canteens and to buy from shopkeepers only those articles N.A.A.F.I. cannot supply.

This is a likely outcome of the remarkable situation which has arisen in many areas where the number of troops is now so great that it is almost impossible for civilians to buy razor blades, cigarettes, chocolate or writing-pads.

One shopkeeper said that his stocks of these articles lasted him for only a few days each month, and that 90 per cent. was bought by the troops in the neighbourhood.

They Like Shopping Trips

There had been cases of men travelling ten miles to buy a razor blade.

No decision has yet been reached by the War Office as to how to tackle this situation, but any

THAILAND STATES POLICY

Thailand will do her utmost to avoid being drawn into the vortex of power politics in the Far East and is determined jealously to guard her neutrality.

This statement was made by a Thai Cabinet Minister, Nai Vilat, in an interview with Reuter in Bangkok yesterday.

Commenting on reports that the Vichy Government had accepted Japan's proposal for settlement of Thailand's territorial dispute with French Indo-China, Nai Vilat said officials in Bangkok were still without confirmation from the Thai delegation in Tokyo.

If true, Vichy's acceptance ends the 75-year-old grievance of Siam against France, and Nai Vilat observed: "We hail the news with delight as a landmark in our history." — Reuter.

NAZI AIR LOSS OVER BRITAIN

Over 370 planes were lost by the enemy in the Middle East during February, compared with British losses of 26 machines.

The official return shows that in this war zone 120 enemy machines were shot down and over 230 destroyed on the ground or captured.

During the same month the total of German planes lost over Britain since the war began was brought to 3,123 by the destruction of a further 36 machines.

Of these, 12 were brought down at night and eight by A.A. fire.

British losses were five planes, making a war total of 853.

British losses over Germany and occupied territory were 49, and German eleven.

Up to Feb. 28, British losses under this heading totalled 463. — Reuter.

HIDE AND SEEK WAR AT KEREN

Highlanders And Sudanese In Exciting Action Railway Town Proving Tough Nut

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Imperial Forces on the Keren Front)

HIDE-AND-SEEK ARTILLERY DUELS, IN WHICH THE ITALIAN GUNNERS SHIFTED THEIR GUN POSITIONS DURING DARKNESS, CONCEALING THEM WITHIN THE SCRUB AND ROCKY CREVICES, AND THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE IN PLACES WHICH THE ITALIANS DEEMED INACCESSIBLE, HAVE BEEN FEATURES OF THE BRITISH SIEGE OF KEREN.

Keren is the railway town in Eritrea which is being found one of the toughest nuts to crack in General Wavell's campaign against Italy's East African Empire.

BLACK-OUT LIFTED AT NAIROBI

The black-out restrictions are being removed in Nairobi and the whole of the highlands area from to-day.

Modified restrictions will be in force on the coast. Reuter.

U.S. ORDERS GASMASKS

GAS MASKS FOR THE USE OF NON-COMBATANTS IN AREAS UNDER MILITARY JURISDICTION, HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT.

Disclosing this fact yesterday, the War Department stated that "a limited quantity" of gas masks had been ordered. Of low cost, the masks would be supplied by five manufacturers.

No further extension of facilities for the manufacture of gas masks is contemplated at present. Reuter.

R.A.F.'S GREAT CONTRIBUTION IN AFRICA WAR

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at an Advance Air Base on the Sudan-Eritrean Frontier)

BRITISH BOMBERS, South African fighters and a special Rhodesian squadron are leading in the R.A.F.'s contribution to the British successes in Eritrea.

For weeks past our airmen have been bombing the Italian air force right out of the sky, so that to-day the British infantry in the most forward positions seldom see an Italian 'plane.

Over Keren, British bombers have been in continuous operation despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. They have not only blown up military objectives but have also dropped pamphlets and taken valuable low-flying photographs.

Dominions airmen, especially, settle down quickly to local conditions.

I found South African pilots of one fighter squadron, which already has nearly 80 Italian planes to its credit, living in a series of tunnels — Sudanese mud-huts — around the aerodrome.

They declared their strange dwellings are both cool and comfortable.

A Rhodesian squadron is sta-

tioned in a forward position in Eritrea.

Its members are also comfortably established. They even have their own refrigerator far from civilization.

The constant appearance of British bombers and fighters zooming in increasing numbers over the heads of the advancing British troops, has been very heartening to these men plodding through inhospitable and unfamiliar country. — Reuter.

The British artillery was signaled and guns brought up.

Later the British troops, crouching behind rocks in the blazing desert sun, heard British shells screaming overhead to pound the Italian positions a couple of hundred yards further on.

Wonderful Shooting

"It was wonderful shooting," one Highlander said. "Our boys plunked the very first shells plumb on the Italians, who soon packed up. Some surrendered. Others retreated."

The Sudan Defence Force, throughout the campaign, has done brilliant though little publicized work, their fast armoured cars whizzing among and around the advanced Italian positions like fast motorboats, scattering the enemy in all directions.

The whole Eritrean campaign has been an outstanding example of Empire cooperation.

Forewarning Of Italian Collapse

"The fighting in East Africa is of an extremely intense nature and it may be necessary for us to make ulterior sacrifices," said war commentators on Rome radio yesterday.

They added the British were using a third of a million men in East Africa and they were armed with the most modern weapons, tanks and armoured cars.

"In these conditions the fight presents an undoubted advantage for the British."

80 Miles Beyond Mogadiscio

In their sweep into Italian Somaliland, British troops have reached a point 80 miles beyond Mogadiscio and have occupied the villages of Duga, Degli and Abruzzi.

There is no change in the position in Eritrea, Libya or Abyssinia, it was reported in yesterday's official Cairo communiqué. — Reuter.

Difficult Conditions

A CORRESPONDENT WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN ERI TRE A WRITES THAT THE IMPERIAL FORCES, INCLUDING INDIANS AND A FREE FRENCH INFANTRY UNIT, HAVE CONTINUED THE ADVANCE TOWARDS KEREN, CAPTURING MESCELLIT PASS WHICH LIES 15 MILES TO THE NORTH OF THE TOWN.

Conditions are terribly difficult as there are no roads fit for mechanized units. Camels are being used to carry materials.

The rest of the Imperial forces are still in a position four miles south-east of Keren, whose principal defences lie in its 7,000 feet altitude and road and paths which are hardly negotiable.

Further south the Italians have



Nurses at the Moorfields Eye Hospital attending to patients who are settled down for the night in the air raid shelter. (Copyright, Fox).

retreated from Barentu to cover Asmara and Massawa, both of which are strongly defended.

U.S. AID FOR BRITAIN

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PRELUDE TO BALKAN AGGRESSION

THE PLEBISCITE IN RUMANIA

Final result of the Rumanian plebiscite on General Antonescu's policy will not be known till Thursday, but voting so far shows an almost complete unanimity for the policy, says the Rumanian news agency.

Up to yesterday morning, 116,345 had voted approval, against 1,555 noes. Voting has been without incident.—Reuter.

BULGARIA'S ADHERENCE to the Axis pact remains the chief topic in the Turkish newspapers.

The "Vatan" describes it as a "prelude to aggression in the Balkans," and adds that Turkey must redouble her vigilance.

The "Tan" emphasises that Bulgaria's signature to the pact was secured by Germany long ago and only the date of enslavement remained open.

Other papers declare an explanation is necessary as to why Bulgaria took the latest action so soon after signing the Turco-Bulgarian non-aggression agreement.

The "Ulus" says: "The Turco-Bulgarian agreement reaffirmed Bulgaria's intention not to resort to war to settle problems with her neighbours but all depends on acts which the obligations contained in the tripartite and Bulgarian-Axis alliance are applied.

"The Anglo-Turkish Alliance has helped to keep the peace in the Balkans and Near East. Let us hope Bulgaria will use her influence to sway the tripartite pact in favour of peace and will succeed."—Reuter.

MEALS FOR 100,000 TUBE GUESTS

Establishment of refreshment services at the eighty London Tube stations where upwards of 100,000 people take shelter nightly has been completed by London Transport, acting for the Ministry of Food.

The job included provision of six railway depots for the receipt and dispatch of food, fitting six special refreshment trains, installing 134 canteen points on the platforms, fitting 600 electric boilers and ovens and half a mile of water mains, engaging and training a new staff of 1,000 employees.

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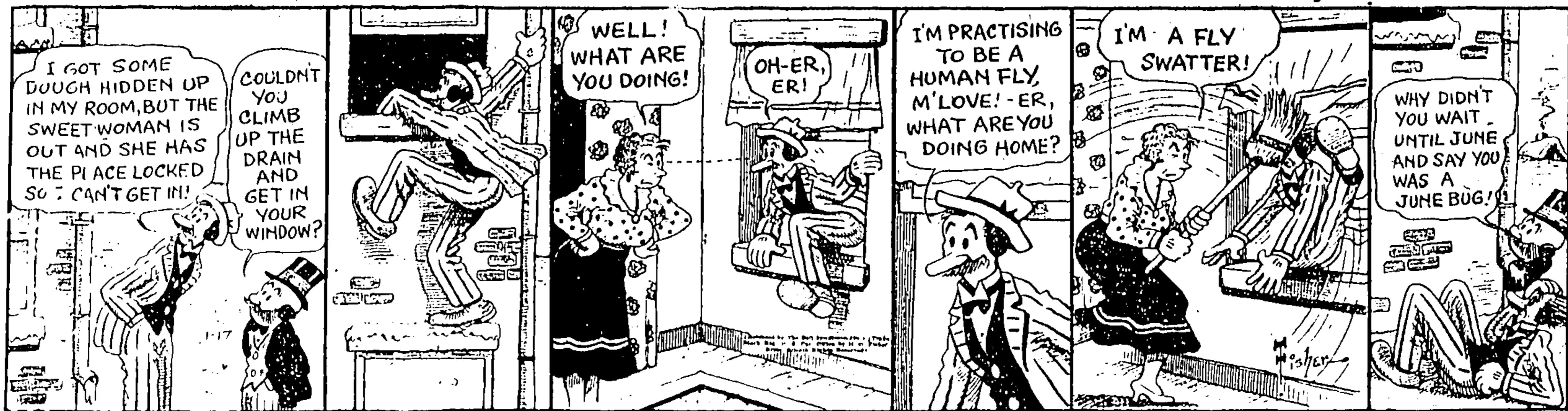
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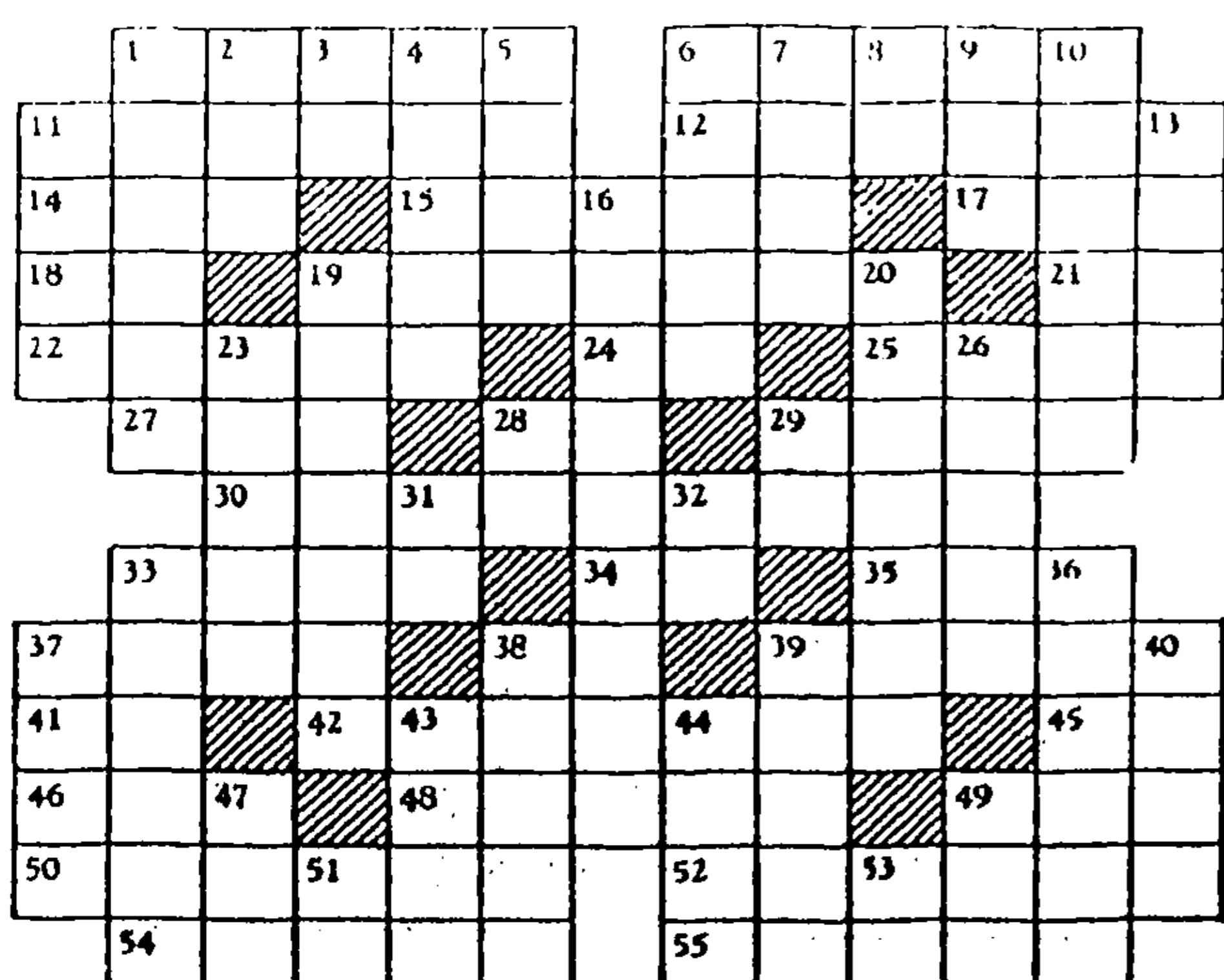
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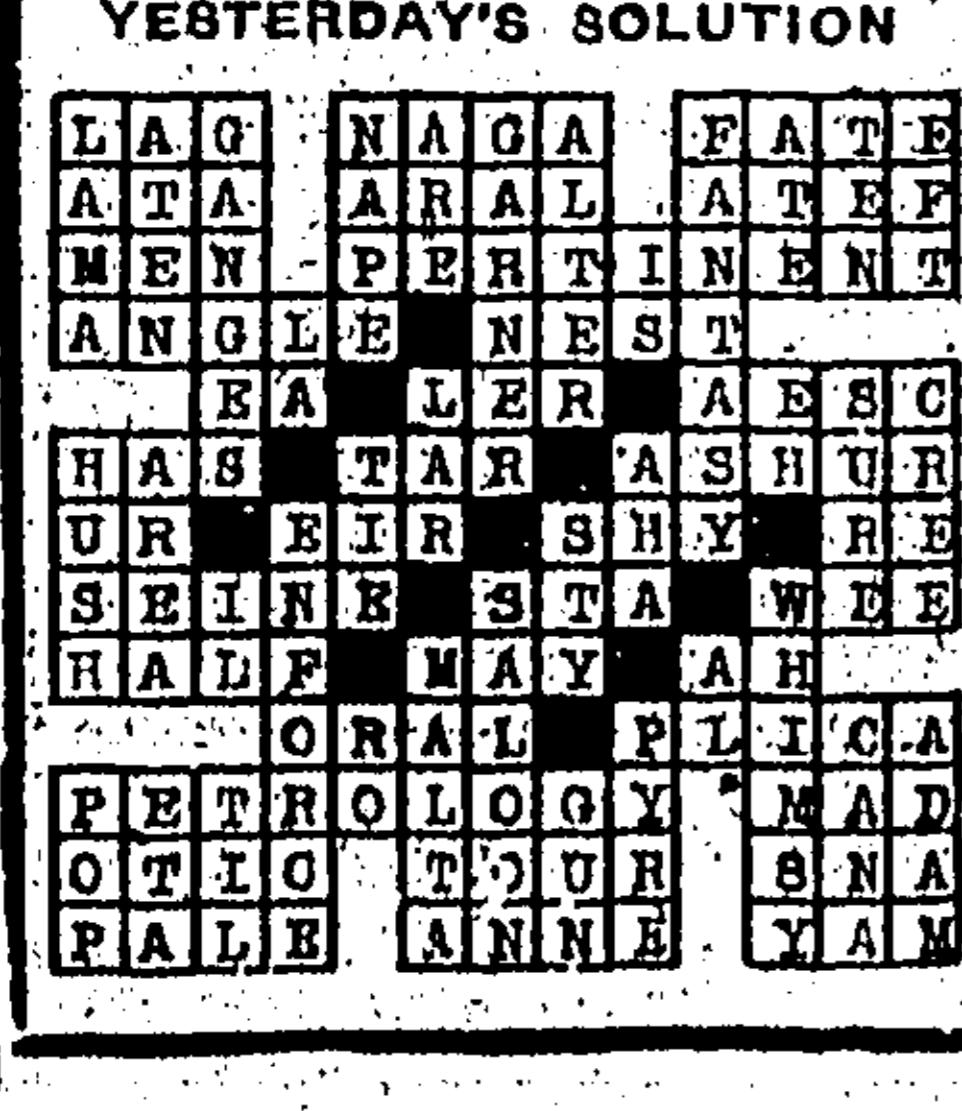
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15 Girl's name
16 Periodic windstorm
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27 To ram down
28 Island of Napoleon's exile
29 Curved molding
30 Ancient tribal tax
31 To make lace
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33 101

PETTING STOOL LEAP BY BRIDE

A wedding, four times cancelled because the bridegroom could not get leave, took place at the fifth attempt at Holy Island (or Lindisfarne), off the Northumberland coast.

It was the first wedding on the island since the war, and it was accompanied by quaint traditional rites.

When Mary Cawdry, aged twenty-eight, walked out of the 800-year-old church of St. Mary on the arm of her childhood sweetheart, now thirty-one-year-old Able Seaman James Hele Douglas, her first task was to leap the Petting Stool set in the socket of St. Cuthbert's Cross.

Then at the gates of the church the bride and bridegroom paid a toll to old Dick Douglas before they were allowed through. Dick, seventy-seven-year-old fisherman, opened the gate to the bride's mother when she went through the same ceremony more than thirty years ago.

Beneath a volley of shots from half a dozen guns, the couple walked down the village street scattering coppers to crowds of children, as Holy Island newlyweds have done for centuries.

At the entrance to the bride's house a plate with a slice of wedding-cake was "broken" over her head or, rather, placed on her head and then on to the ground in front of her.

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"The instructor looked angrily round, and there sat the pupil, hands held firmly above his head. "Well," he said, "you told me last time round to watch how you did things and then to do them your way, so I did."

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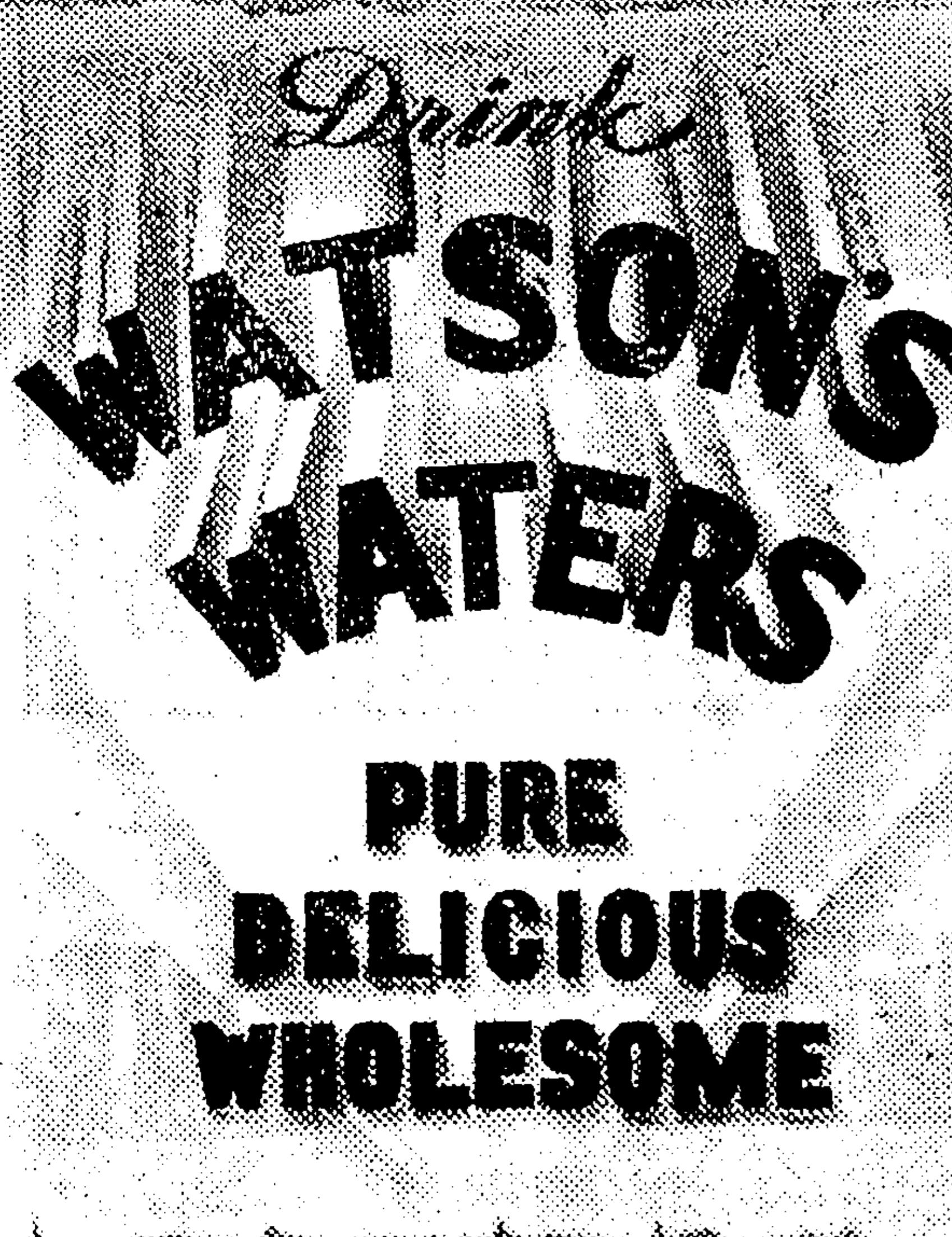
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TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES WORRY NAZIS

APART FROM the shortage of oil and the results of the incessant bombing of marshalling yards and canals, the inadequacy of the transport system is the most serious difficulty of the Nazi war economy both in Germany and in her new European empire, writes a correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian."

During the years of intense rearmament and war preparation in Germany the upkeep of the railway system was badly neglected. Clearly reliance must have been placed on a successful Blitzkrieg, as such neglect of the railway system cannot be made good in many months.

In March, 1939, when the transport system of the Continent at the disposal of the State Railways (Reichsbahn) came forward with an immense plan of improvements—a plan which, owing to the outbreak of the war, was never carried out, many deficiencies of the railway system were revealed. It was stated that although at the end of 1938 the traffic was 10 per cent. greater than in 1929 (at the peak of the prosperity period) there were about 4,000 fewer engines and 80,000 fewer goods wagons, a fall of roughly 20 per cent.

The eastern conquests of the Nazis, far from relieving this situation, made it worse. The Austrian and even the Czech rolling-stock was largely obsolete; part of the Polish stock was destroyed, and Russia took a disproportionate share of the rest. With the increasing war effort the Nazis had to use their own rolling-stock in these countries.

Relief From West

The railway difficulties were not confined to the rolling-stock. The upkeep of the tracks had been neglected, and now both tracks and personnel were terribly overburdened. Great difficulties had been experienced during the building of the Siegfried Line, and the outbreak of the war multiplied them. Military transport hampered the normal goods distribution. The black-out, especially during the winter, intensified the troubles; the shunting of goods trains, for instance, took five times as long.

The Nazis are resorting, of course, to all sorts of devices to improve the situation—quicker loading of wagons, renewed use of obsolete engines and wagons, restriction of the use of trains for private purposes, and so on—but all these devices give relatively little help. Moreover, the inefficient railway system not only hampers the Nazi war effort; it is a constant reminder to the German people that they are at war, just as the terrible delays, the unheated coaches, and the broken windows were a nightmare remembered for many years after the last war had ended.

Strain On Railways

Germany's western conquests introduced all sorts of fresh factors. The blockade of the western coast of the Continent increases the strain on the whole European railway system, as a large part of the bulk goods (oil, coal, iron ore, timber, wheat, cotton, and so on) came by sea even for inter-Continental supplies. Normally, for instance, German coal went by sea to Italy. On the other hand, the cessation of land fighting in the west and the considerable booty from the rich rolling-stocks of Holland, Belgium, and especially France brought the Germans great relief, though technical difficulties, such as differences in gauge or brake systems, set a limit to the use of foreign rolling-stock in Germany. The destruction of rolling-stock during the hostilities was not considerable.

Before the collapse of the Western Front, many neutral countries, even in the east, like Hungary, undertook exports in their own goods wagons only up to the German frontiers, as in the first few months of the war the Nazis used to "retain" neutral wagons for a couple of months for their own use. This period of resistance is over, and the Nazis, with their armed might, have the whole trans-

AVALANCHE WRECKS SCHOOL

Heavy snowstorms in Switzerland have covered villages in masses of snow and in one place an avalanche has destroyed a school, cemetery and barracks.

Tourists have been warned not to start trips on the mountains because of the danger of avalanches everywhere. — Associated Press.

Poor Transport System

The transport system of the Danubian countries is very poor. Apart from the few main lines, all the lines are single track, and quick repairs are almost impossible in the mountainous parts. The whole system of construction is far less solid than the British, as these countries were always poor in capital.

Roughly one-fifth of the population of Greece lives on islands and three-fifths along the coasts. Among the Danubian States Hungary's position is the best, Romania's almost the worst. In Hungary there are 8.6 kilometres of tracks in every 100 square kilometres, in Rumania only 3.79 kilometres; the figure for the former Czechoslovak Republic was 9.7 kilometres. The partition has left Rumania's situation almost unchanged. Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina, with roughly one-fifth of the railway tracks, were poorly equipped, while Transylvania was better off than the provinces of the Old Kingdom. Rumanian efforts at improvement had achieved little. In the period 1932-9 altogether some 165 kilometres of new tracks were built.

SUICIDE USED HIS COLONEL'S REVOLVER

Using his master's revolver, the batman to an Artillery colonel shot himself at a South-East Coast town, it was disclosed at the inquest.

Colonel C. W. Raw said his batman — Gunner Edward William Kelly, aged 52 — had facial paralysis through being kicked by a mule in Egypt some years ago. This had been aggravated by a blow on the jaw in the black-out.

Kelly was an extraordinarily good batman.

Having previously complained

ROME LOOKS FOR FRIENDS IN BRITAIN

Rome began a new propaganda broadcast recently—the broadcasting of names of British people in Italy, with remarks designed to show what a happy time they are having.

The obvious idea is to create in Britain a feeling of admiration for Italy's generosity and kindness.

Here is one list quoted by Reuter: Miss Cresswell (Rome), Mr. and Mrs. Reid (Naples), Mrs. Waring (Rome), Miss Ercalt (Rome), Miss Robison (Rome), Major and Mrs. Barn and their son Adrian (Rome), and Mr. and Miss Adams (Florence).

Almost every Rome broadcast over the week-end has mentioned the morale of the Italian people. In foreign broadcasts the assurance has been given that Italy is not breaking down under the strain, but Italian broadcasts appeal to the people to keep up their spirits.

Rome radio said Federal secretaries of all Italy reported to the secretary of the Fascist Party that the fighting spirit of the people was high.

On sleeplessness, Kelly had just received news that his wife was ill.

Verdict: Suicide while of unbalanced mind.



Both Melvyn Douglas and Loretta Young look slightly annoyed in this scene from Columbia's "He Stayed for Breakfast," coming to the King's Theatre to-morrow. They have good reason to be—interrupted, as they were, by Eugene Pallette and Alan Marshall, two gentlemen who don't like Mr. Douglas and do like Miss Young.

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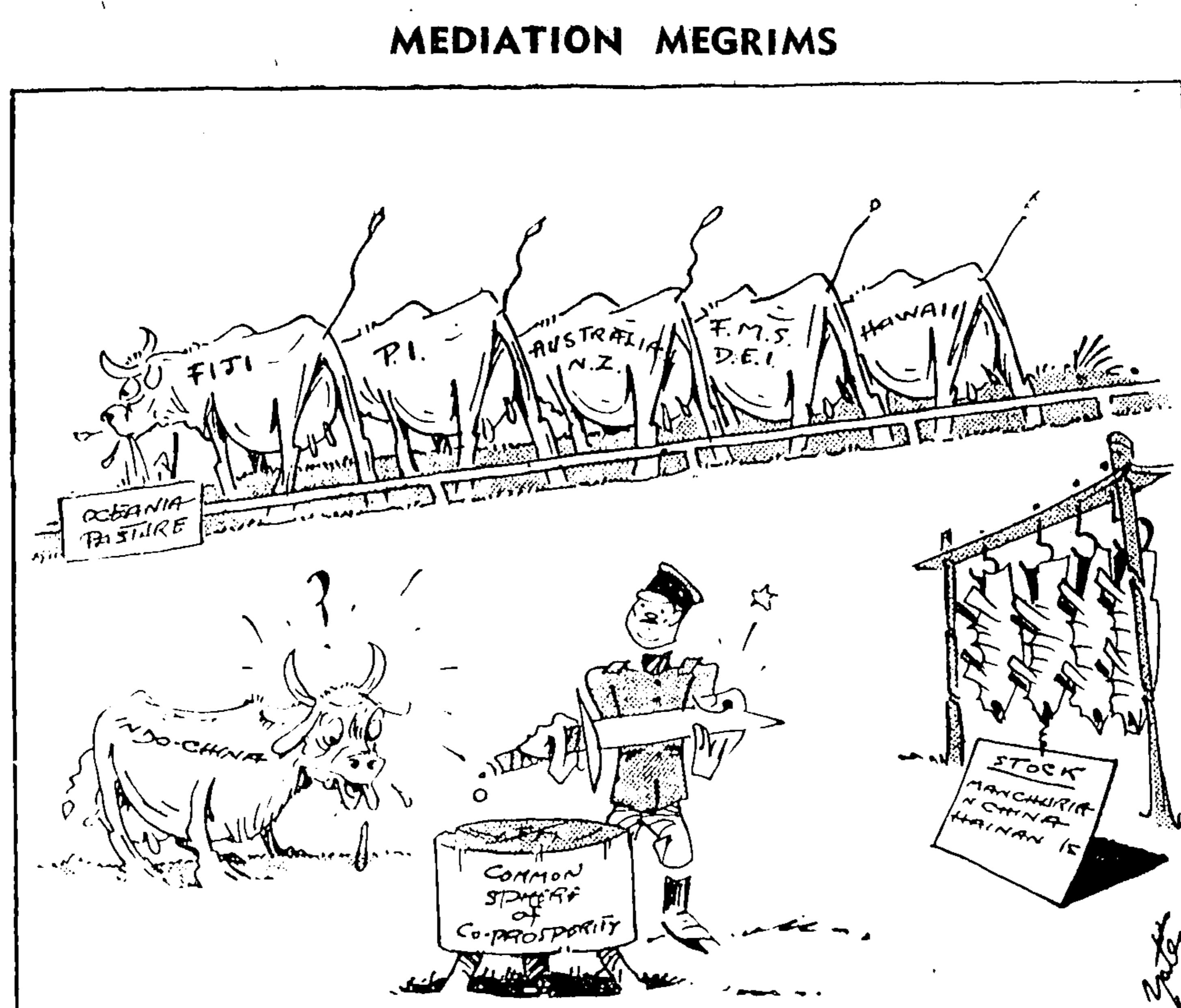
"WINDSOR HOUSE"

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS

The arrival of Australian troops in Malaya seems to have aroused an astonishing amount of indignation in Japan, at least if the Japanese radio commentators can be cited as indicators of Japanese opinion. These same commentators are, however, labouring at a stupid falsity when they describe the Australian troops as hordes of "illiterate peasants, untrained and undisciplined." One of the most important posts in this day and age is that of a radio commentator, as they do much to mould public opinion. The Axis Powers have adopted the theory that the needs of propaganda demand adoption of the axiom which Hitler laid down when he declared in his text book, "Mein Kampf," that "in the big lie there is always a certain force of credibility, because the broad masses of the nation . . . more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small one." There is, however, no propaganda value in stating what all the world knows to be untrue. There being no illiterates in Australia, there can be no illiterate peasants.

As regards their training which the Japanese commentator attempted to belittle, the words of their commander, Major-General H. Gordon Bennett may be quoted: "I can say in all seriousness," he stated in a broadcast thanking the people of Singapore for the welcome his troops had received, "that our men are as efficient and as fit a lot as have left Australia. And we have the added advantage of being better equipped than the earlier troops to leave our country, for our people at home have made great strides in the development of our war industries. Our men," he continued, "have been trained as storm troops, and I can safely say if they are called to defend this outpost of Australia (Singapore) they will fight as their fathers did in Gallipoli, France and Palestine and as their brothers have recently done in Libya."

These fine men, "bronzed and lean and fighting fit" as Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of Singapore, described them, are now in Malaya as a pre-



Japan: "Just a little slice off the rump, with your kind cooperation."

MEDIATION MEGRIMS

What Mr. Churchill may consider the luckiest chance in a career of amazing vicissitudes I cannot guess, but it was certainly wonderful that this chance enabled

outstanding power. Some natural disadvantages were so mastered as to add effect to a deadly retort. Balfour's early judgment was that Winston had heavy but not mobile guns. Yet he became a master of debate and the most dangerous of all men to interrupt.

At the Admiralty his tremendous energy worked marvels in the provision of an overwhelming fleet. To him we owe it that the Navy was as ready as foresight could make it in the existing conditions for the challenge of August, 1914. He bore the responsibility and will always bear the honour for that decision on which our security was dependent, the immediate mobilisation of the Fleet.

This is not the time or the place to discuss the course of the war of 1914-1918. Two efforts were mainly if not wholly due to Mr. Churchill's urging—the attempt to relieve Antwerp and the attempt to force the Dardanelles. Both, though they failed, were devised by shrewd insight and daring. Whatever the causes of failure, competent judges have been known to pronounce that Mr. Churchill's was the best strategic mind at our service in that war.

He left the Admiralty on a breach with Lord Fisher and the difficulties in the Dardanelles, and abandoned politics for a while to command an infantry battalion in the front line in France—suffering the fire of yet one more war. After all, he was little over 40, and his officers found him abounding in energy.

Mr. Lloyd George brought him back to run the Ministry of Munitions, and as the war passed into peace negotiations and an unpeaceful settlement, he recovered all, or more than all, his old political position. The immediate reward was a full share, pressed down and running over, of the unpopularity of Mr. Lloyd George's Coalition. Austen Chamberlain and Birkenhead had trouble enough with the Conservative party for the Irish Treaty and for their loyalty to Mr. Lloyd George, but Mr. Churchill fared still worse.

Though the Coalition crashed and some sort of ban was put on Chamberlain and Birkenhead, they were Conservatives still. Mr. Churchill was left for a while without a seat in Parliament and without a party. Neither Mr. Lloyd George's brand of Liberalism nor that of the successors of Asquith suited him. Wiseacres predicted that he had no future in politics.

Two years after the crash he was Chancellor of the Exchequer in a Conservative Government, the very place which his father, at the apex of power, had won 40 years earlier. Both appointments may be called the triumph of ability over die-hard prejudice. Lord Randolph, who "forgot Goschen," may not have been indispensable, but the decision of the Conservative leader, Lord Baldwin, that Mr. Churchill was the necessary man to a Conservative Cabinet came from bitter experience. The whirligig of time had brought in its revenges.

There was to be one more. In the National Government of 1931 Mr. Churchill was given no place, nor was one found for him on its reconstructions by Lord Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain. We know now that Austen Chamberlain deplored the passing over of Mr. Churchill when the need for rearmament became urgent. Whatever could be done outside the Government to quicken the pace Mr. Churchill did with all his might. For the objections which kept him below the gangway till war was upon us a heavy price has been paid.

He came to the first place in the darkest hour by universal consent and demand. Chatham, when events carried him to office, said, in his grand manner, "My lord, I know that I can save this country and that no one else can." Mr. Churchill does not use this style. There is more humour in his composition; always, even in the darkest hour, something of the laugh of the spirit of adventure.

"In the sixties," he has said, "a politician is in his 'noon-day prime' Whatever comes will surely find him 'vehement, high and daring' till the guns salute our victory."

TAILORS REVOLT OVER OFFICERS' DEBTS

SOME LONDON military tailors have so much money owing to them on officers' uniforms that they are adopting various measures for their protection.

In some cases they are requiring a deposit of £10 or £5 when the order is given. Others decline to give credit. One firm in the City posts in its window names, units and private addresses of "defaulters."

The last method has resulted in bills being quickly paid, but it is not being generally adopted.

At one well-known firm it was stated:

"While we should not think of putting names in a window, we feel that something drastic will have to be done shortly if certain officers do not pay their bills."

"It is annoying to remember that some officers, after getting their grants from the War Office for the specific purpose of buying uniform, spend it on something else, and make their tailors wait."

Another firm said:

"One of the difficulties is that when the tailor writes to send his bill to the officer he often finds that he has been moved to another part of the country and it is not easy to find him."

Just Commissioned

"Sometimes young officers come in to order uniform, saying they have just been commissioned but have not yet received their grants."

"We have refused to make uniform in cases where the officer says he has no money, but if he can pay a deposit that is a different matter."

Other tailors said that an officer would sometimes, after promotion, want to order a new uniform before he had paid for the previous one.

In such cases it was their custom not to supply the order unless the first bill was paid.

£30 May Be Increased

An officer has a grant of £30 towards the cost of uniform.

Suggestions made in Parliament recently that this amount should be increased because the Purchase Tax makes uniforms dearer are under consideration by the War Office.

It is expected in political circles that some increase will be made.

The Paymaster-general's department does not admit that there is avoidable delay in making the grants, though allegations to this effect have been made.

Where delay does occur, it was stated, it is usually because the officer has neglected to submit the necessary papers, or has filled them in incorrectly.

OUR TANKS BETTER THAN NAZIS?

Since the Germans swept through Northern France British factories have produced tanks and guns surpassing anything used in battle by British units. From Canada and other Empire countries has come some of the newest war equipment.

Many of the German principles of mechanised warfare have been copied and improved.

"It happened like this many times in the last war," said the colonel of a tank brigade.

It is claimed that many of the tanks are better than the Germans have yet devised, and that new mobile guns provide fire-power never before achieved.

The aim is an army of technicians to operate the equipment and this goal is in sight.

STOPPED THE TRAINS

British barrage balloons, which have drifted as far as Denmark, have caused grave dislocation in Jutland, where trains have been forced to stop, says a Berlin report.

SWISS AND 'NEW ORDER'

According to a Berlin message it has been officially stated in the Wilhelmstrasse that reports that Switzerland and Sweden had been invited to take part in talks regarding the creation of a "new order" in Europe were untrue.

DOCKS AT BREST STRAFED

The docks at Brest, from which enemy surface raiders and submarines attack British shipping in the Atlantic, were heavily bombed for nearly two hours on Sunday night by aircraft of the Bomber Command, states the Air Ministry news service.

The attack began soon after 8.30 in the evening. The sky was clear and many sticks of bombs were seen to burst about the dry dock, where a German cruiser of the Hipper class was recently located.

No direct hits on the cruiser were actually seen but several pilots reported that their bombs must either have fallen on the vessel or so close as to damage it. Certainly the docks themselves suffered very badly.

One pilot was guided on the last 25 miles of the outward journey by an especially big blaze.

As the raid developed the weather worsened and later arrivals had to contend not only with searchlights all round the harbour and fierce anti-aircraft fire but also with thick cloud which more often than not hid the results of their bombing.

The docks at Calais and Ijmuiden were also bombed and at Rotterdam one pilot, bombing through a clear patch in the sky, started a fire among tall buildings in the harbour. —British Wireless.

SINGLE COMBAT OFF COAST

A Dornier bomber destroyed off the East Coast in daylight on Sunday was shot down in single combat by a fighter pilot who already had 20 confirmed victories to his credit.

The pilot, a Hurricane squadron leader, was on patrol over Norfolk when he sighted the enemy raider at some 4,000 feet above him. He chased it out to sea, caught it about 75 miles from the coast and silenced the bomber's rear gunner with his first burst of fire.

His second and third bursts, delivered at close range, set the raider on fire in two places and as it glided down towards the sea, pouring smoke, three of the crew of five were seen to bale out.

Following his victim down low, the squadron leader again came under fire, bullets striking the windscreen and propeller. Closing in, he gave the raider a final burst and the Dornier crashed into the sea, sinking immediately. Only one man was seen to come to the surface. —British Wireless.

SAW THEIR SON ABLAZE IN SKY

WHEN HIS 'PLANE was attacked and set ablaze over Kent, an R.A.F. sergeant-pilot, wounded in the leg by a cannon shell, baled out and drifted to safety within three miles of his home.

His parents stood outside their home and watched him come down.

Their son pulled his parachute ripcord at 14,000 feet. As he was slowly coming down he took his wireless lead and tied it tightly round his leg to stop the flow of blood.

"Then I realised my tunic was on fire," he said, "so I beat out the flames with my hands. I singed my moustache, too."

"My parents came to see me in hospital next day. It was then that they told me they had watched me coming down."

Upside Down

Another pilot of the same squadron—it was among the first squadrons to shoot down 100 aircraft while operating from one station—destroyed a Messerschmidt 109 and then had his own plane set on fire by a cannon shell.

"I was not very high, so tried to land in a field 150 yards long," he said, "but smoke and flames made it difficult."

"I side-slipped, then went into a flight dive from 50ft. I pulled my knees up, put my head between them, and when about 10ft. from the ground pulled the stick hard back."

"The machine came down tail-in and he bagged a Messerschmidt."

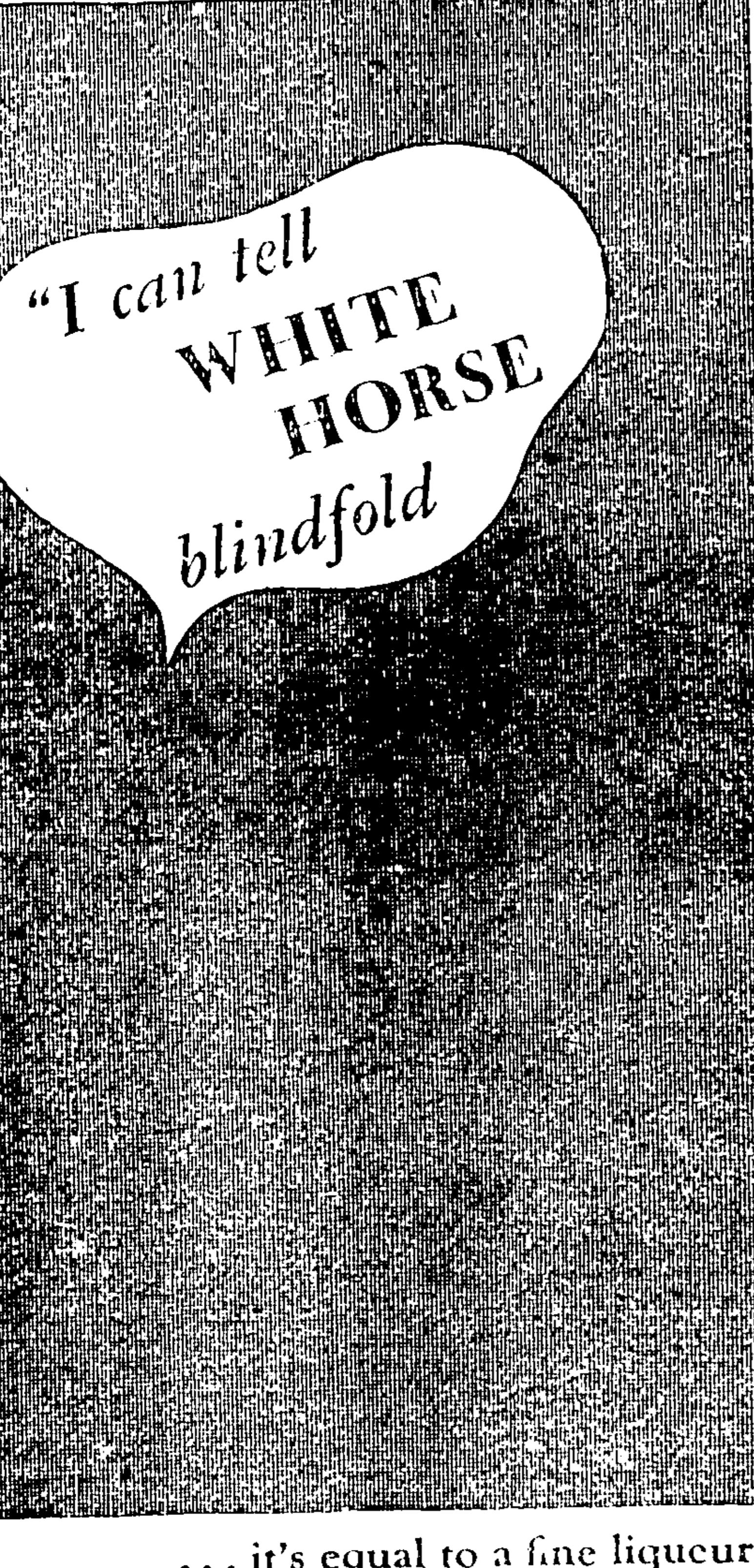
"Luckily, a civilian came along. I told him to get an axe. He soon brought a chopper and split the side of the cockpit open. But I had to remove my parachute and helmet before I could get out."

"Two minutes later the aircraft exploded and ammunition began to go off in all directions."

After a week's leave the same pilot had to bale out over the sea, but was rescued after spending some time in the water.

The squadron is led by a champion hurdler who has represented Britain at the Olympic Games. Recently he took delivery of a new fighter, a Spitfire provided by the Observer Corps and with the Observer Corps crest on the fuselage.

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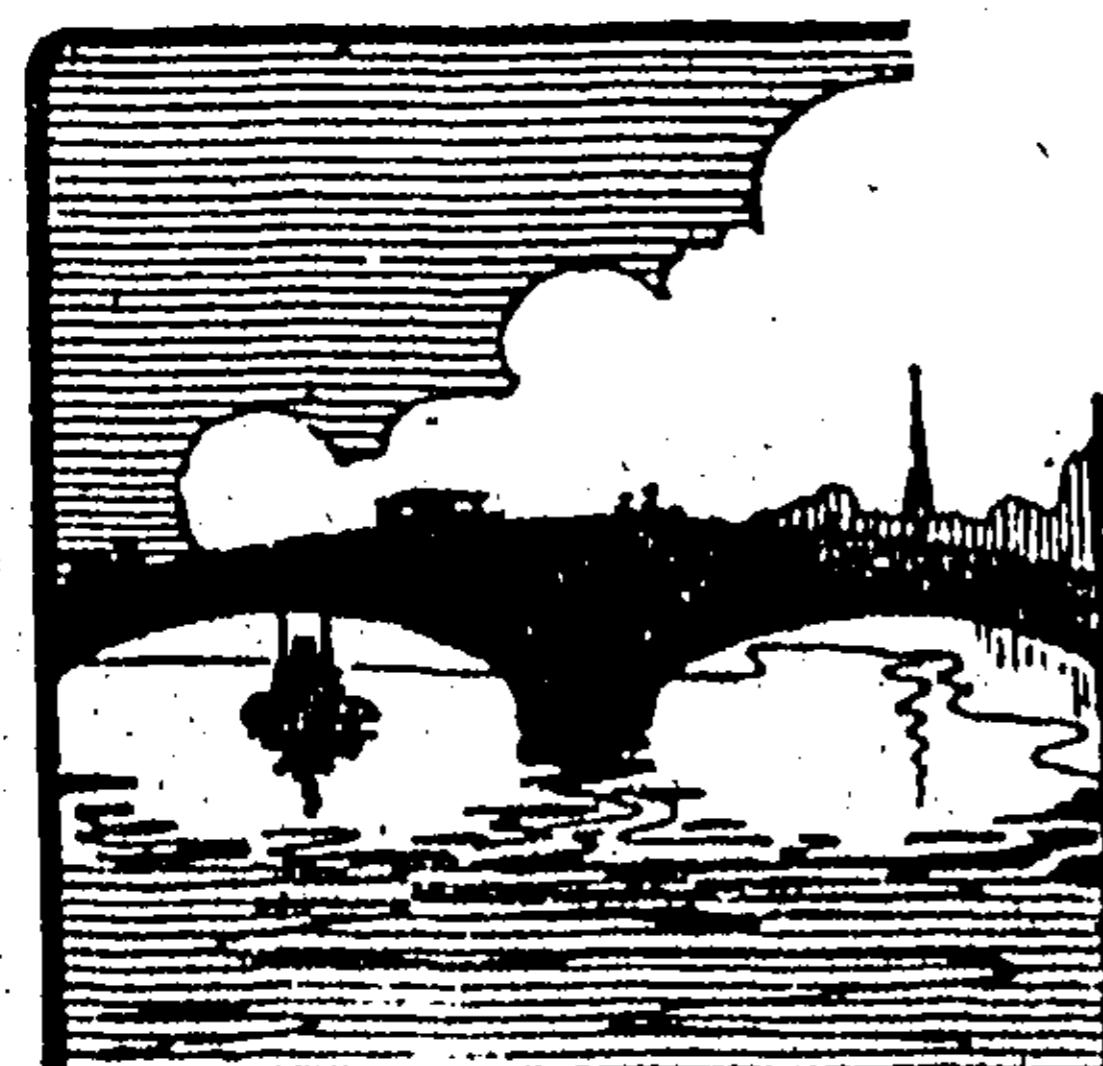
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VICHY HEDGING IN TOKYO "MEDIATION"

A TOKYO REPORT says an agreement is expected to be drafted this afternoon by the peace conference following the receipt of new instructions by the French and Thai delegations.

Meanwhile, the Japanese are urging the French to reconsider their reply which, while accepting Japan's proposals in principle, is reported to contain several reservations, notably regarding Cambodia. — Reuter.

French circles in London commenting on the Tokyo "mediation" situation, think that Vichy is still playing for time. Hence acceptance of Japan's terms "in principle" is subject to certain conditions which will prolong the parleys.

However, it is thought possible that Saigon may ignore Vichy's decision and resist if Japan uses force. This accounts for the undiminished military preparations in Indo-China.

It is believed that Vichy is anxious to avoid war principally for the following reasons:

First, Vichy is afraid of angering Berlin, thereby straining the already not so cordial relations.

Second, Vichy feels itself helpless and isolated and cannot appeal for assistance from Britain and the United States.

Thirdly, if Indo-China eventually joins General de Gaulle, Vichy will be considerably embarrassed vis-a-vis Berlin and its prestige will be affected as Marshal Petain has repeatedly affirmed Vichy's determination to defend the integrity of the French Empire.

General de Gaulle's statement that concessions wrested from Indo-China by extortion will not be recognised is a clear warning that whatever may happen now, the matter will be different after the Allied victory.

From reports reaching London, it seems that Tokyo is trying to justify the ultimatum to Vichy by accusing British and American "intrigues" to obstruct Japan's mediation efforts. — Central News.

D.F.M. FOR SERGEANT AIR-GUNNER

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL IS AWARDED TO REAR-GUNNER SERGEANT AKEROYD WHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNT, WAS CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES IN ONE OF A FORMATION OF AIRCRAFT DETAILED TO ATTACK AN ENEMY CAMP.

Approaching the target, the formation was attacked by six enemy fighters and Akeroyd was wounded in the finger. Later he was hit in the right arm and finally in the stomach.

In spite of his injuries he returned the fire at every opportunity.

His wireless set was smashed and when the attackers had been driven off he crawled forward and informed the pilot of his injuries and the extent of damage to the aircraft. He displayed great courage and fortitude throughout. — British Wireless.

ARREST OF BRITISH SYMPATHISERS

A total of 240 people in Rumania, suspected of working for British interests, have been arrested and placed in a concentration camp near Targujiu, states a telegram to the official German news agency.

Sixty of the arrests were made in Bucharest, and Greeks, Turks, Armenians and Rumanians are stated to be among those arrested. — Reuter.

MR. WINANT ON U.S. AID TO BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE NEW UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, MR. JOHN WINANT, AT A PRESS INTERVIEW IN LONDON YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT STEADY AMERICAN HELP WOULD BE COMING TO ENGLAND AND IN GREAT QUANTITY.

Mr. Winant stated that public opinion in America was almost wholly in favour of the Administration's desire to help Great Britain and that the isolationists in the United States represented only a very small percentage.

"I am sure that the Axis will

INDIAN GUARD DETAINED

An Indian Guard has been detained by the Hunghom Police in connection with a brutal attack on a Chinese woman in To Kwa Wan Road at 11 p.m. last night.

Following a telephone message from a shop in the road last night, an ambulance was sent from the Kowloon Hospital to pick up a 32-year-old Chinese woman, Li Fong, who was found suffering from severe face and head injuries, apparently inflicted with a dagger or knife.

Some 10 minutes later, an Indian Guard appeared at Hunghom Police Station and reported that he had seen three men attack a Chinese woman in To Kwa Wan Road.

According to the Police, the woman, in a statement taken at the Kowloon Hospital last night, alleged that she had been attacked by an Indian and as a result the Police detained the guard.

The woman's condition was described as serious this morning.

find that their propaganda about American help coming too late is all wrong," he added. — International News Service.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS AT YULIN BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A SQUADRON OF 12 Chinese bomber and fighter aircraft raided a Japanese naval concentration in Yulin Harbour (Hainan Island) last week, it was learned in Kwong Chow Wan last night from authentic foreign circles.

WANTED TO TELL THE KING

Paradise for bombed families is a rest centre run by Friends' Ambulance unit members and Sisters of St. Anne in Surrey Square, London, S.E.

Soldiers spend their leave there with their bombed-out families and return confident that their wives and children are being well cared for.

Typical of the happy children there is little Lillian Coles.

Lillian, who is eleven, heard that the King and Queen were in the district. She dashed to the end of the square to welcome them . . . but the car went down the Old Kent-road and Lillian ran back to the centre almost in tears.

"We've got this lovely place here and they never called to see it," she said to an official. "I wish they could have seen how happy we all are."

"I must write to the King and tell him what he missed."

And she did.

Mrs. Horton, who stays at the centre with her little daughter, Margaret, said: "We're made to feel properly at home. Everyone has been sweet to us."

The same source of information stated that the Japanese have admitted that "unidentified aircraft dropped bombs in Yulin Harbour on February 25" but claimed that no damage was done.

It is alleged, however, that at least three Japanese warships were hit, but the extent of damage caused was not ascertainable. Immediately after dropping their bombs, the Chinese aircraft made haste to return to their base with Japanese anti-aircraft guns blazing furiously away at the departing machines.

This is the second time that Chinese aircraft have bombed Japanese warships off Hainan Island. — Our Own Correspondent.

"DO PEOPLE STEAL BIBLES?"

When William Edward Smith, a labourer, was charged at a London police court with being in possession of a family Bible, supposed to have been stolen or obtained unlawfully, the magistrate (Mr. Frank Powell) said, "People don't usually steal Bibles, do they?"

P. C. Hollander, who asked for a remand on bail for a week without offering any evidence, said that Smith was engaged on demolition work and had stated that the Bible was given to him by another workman.

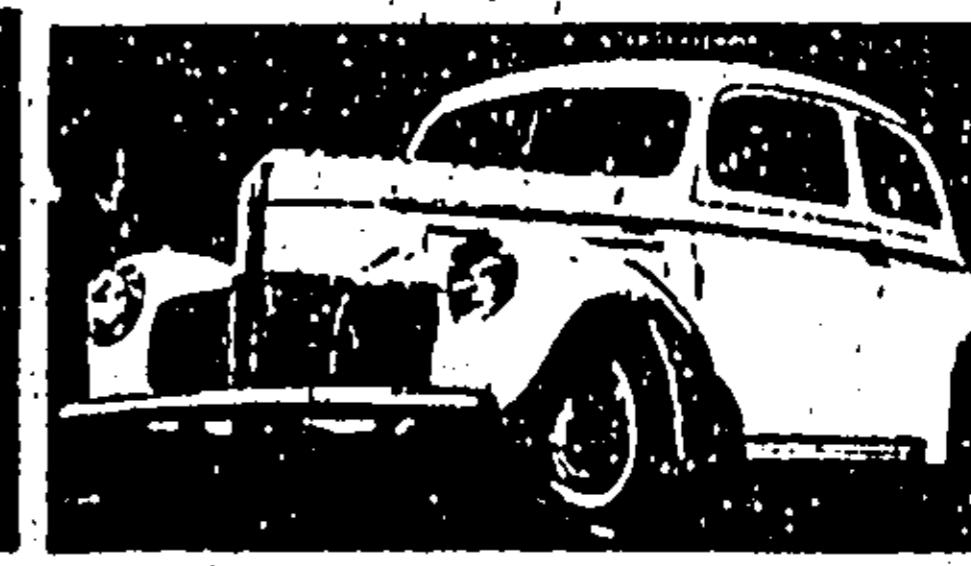
Smith, a coloured man, was remanded on bail for a week.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A Shift in Time

By The Four Aces

In the old days of Whist there were only two approved reasons for failing to return the suit your partner opened: not having any cards in the suit, and sudden death. Modern Bridge players are not so wooden as all that, but probably few would be as imaginative as East in to-day's hand:

South. Dealer
Neither side vulnerable♠ K 9 7 6
♥ 7 5 3
♦ A J 6
♣ Q J 7♠ J 3
♥ A Q J 2
♦ Q 7 4 3
♣ 8 5 4♠ 10 8 6 4
♥ 2
♦ C K 10
♣ K 5 2♠ A Q
♥ 9 8 6 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A K 10 9

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
2 NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the three of diamonds, dummy played low and East won with the diamond King.

It was quite evident that there was no use continuing the diamonds; dummy could win the next two diamond tricks, and by the time those cards were forced out South would probably have developed enough tricks for his contract.

East considered switching to

spades, but realised that spade tricks were available only if West had the Ace and two other spades. But even if that were so, dummy would hold up the spade King until the third round of the suit in order to shut out the East hand. The fact that East had no entries made it clear to him that he ought to shift to some suit which his partner probably held. So, in far less time than it has taken to report, East decided to lead the King of hearts.

He was pleased to see that South played a low heart, but was a bit shaken when West dropped the heart deuce. Ordinarily, that would be a signal to discontinue the suit; but East realised that his partner might be unable to spare a higher card for fear of losing a trick thereby. He therefore continued with the heart ten, defeating the contract. Note that if the defenders had failed to take their four hearts at once, South would have made nine tricks.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 10 9 7 6 2
♥ —
♦ K
♣ K 10 9 4 2

The bidding:

You Jacoby Burnstone Schenken
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. You may never get another chance to show the clubs if you fail to bid them now. This bid at the "skip level" indicates the strength of the hand; a jump to four clubs would be a decided overbid.

Score 100% for three clubs, 40% for three spades, 30% for four clubs; 20% for two spades.

Question No. 655

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 8
♥ Q
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Mater
1 ♠ Pass Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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TO FIGHT WELL—EAT WELL

"It is highly questionable whether men with a prolonged history of organic dyspepsia, especially of peptic ulceration, should be allowed to join the Fighting Services," says the "British Medical Journal."

"A dyspeptic soldier is a liability. A dyspeptic civilian, living under a careful regime may well become an asset."

"The Army still marches on its stomach, even though it travels in mechanised vehicles, and the dyspeptic passenger should be discouraged from taking part in the journey."

These comments are made on a report, just issued of two medical investigations into dyspepsia among troops.

The change to Army food, which was too heavy for those prone to ulcers was the most important factor leading to the breakdown of many of the troops who have suffered from dyspepsia, it was discovered.

Good From Outside

Mr. Reginald I. Payne, a London surgeon, and Dr. C. Newman, of the British Postgraduate Medical School, who conducted the investigation on behalf of the Royal College of Physicians say that in the period between the dispatch of the B.E.F. and last April 14.4 per cent. of all cases evacuated to Britain had a primary diagnosis of gastric or duodenal disease.

Many men replaced their rations by food bought outside and so, avoided a breakdown until they got to France, where this practice became difficult.

There was, say the investigators, much criticism that the Army cooking was bad, but the criticism came from men with abnormal digestions.

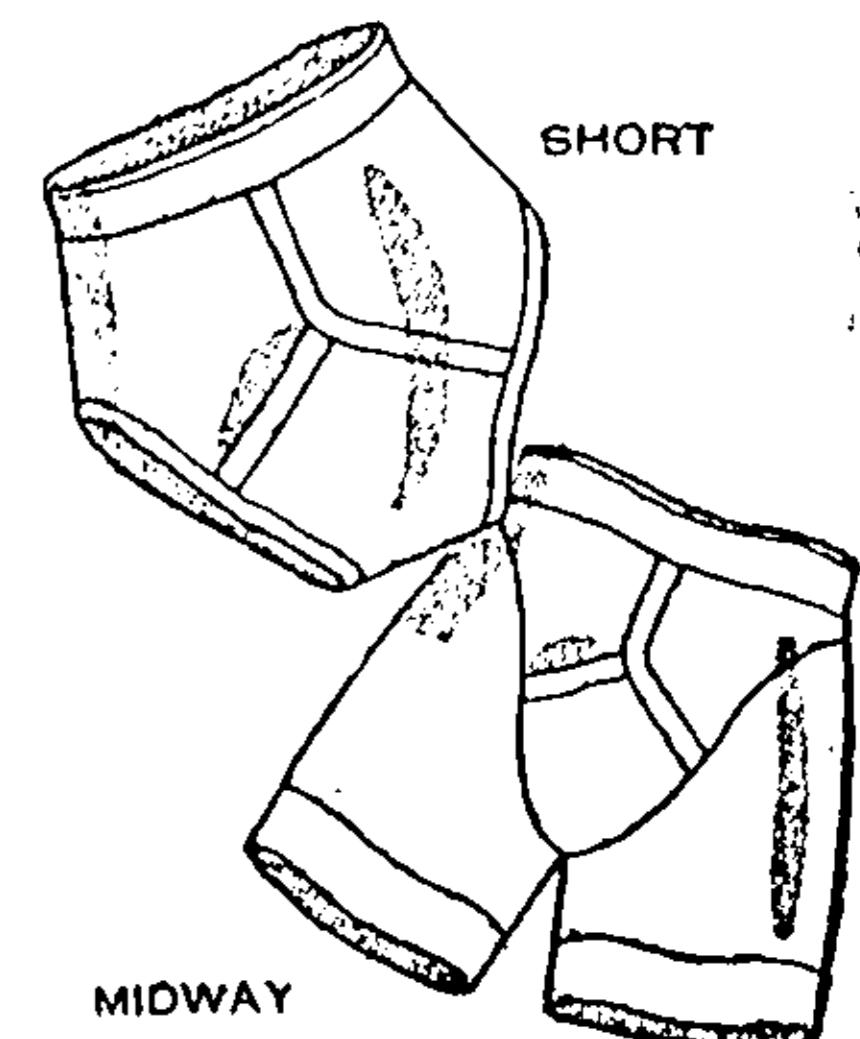
Fatty food, which was appreciated by healthy men, appeared to the dyspeptics to be "greasy."

Men who served in the last war said that the food was better this time, but there was a constantly reiterated complaint of good food spoilt.

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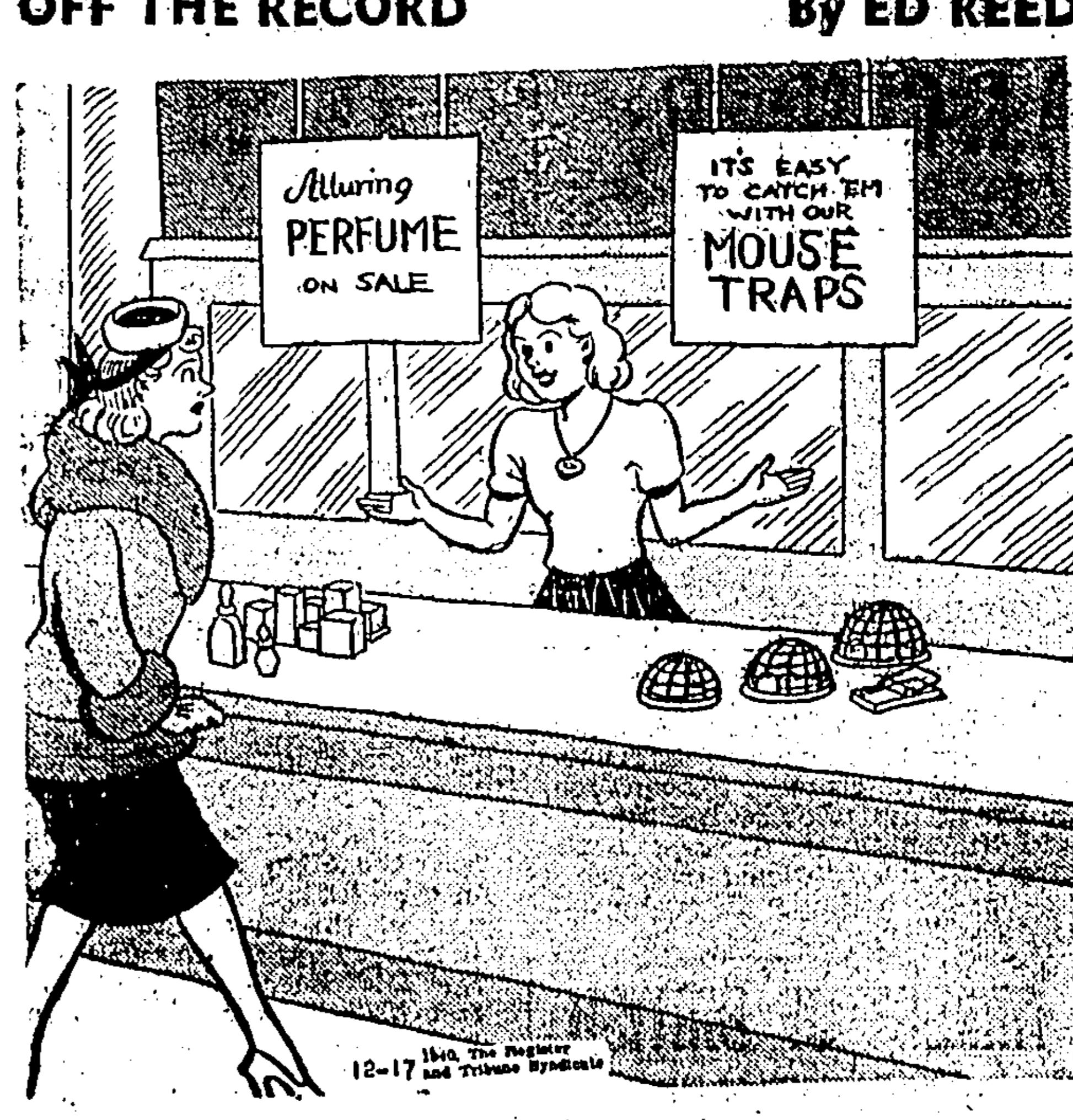
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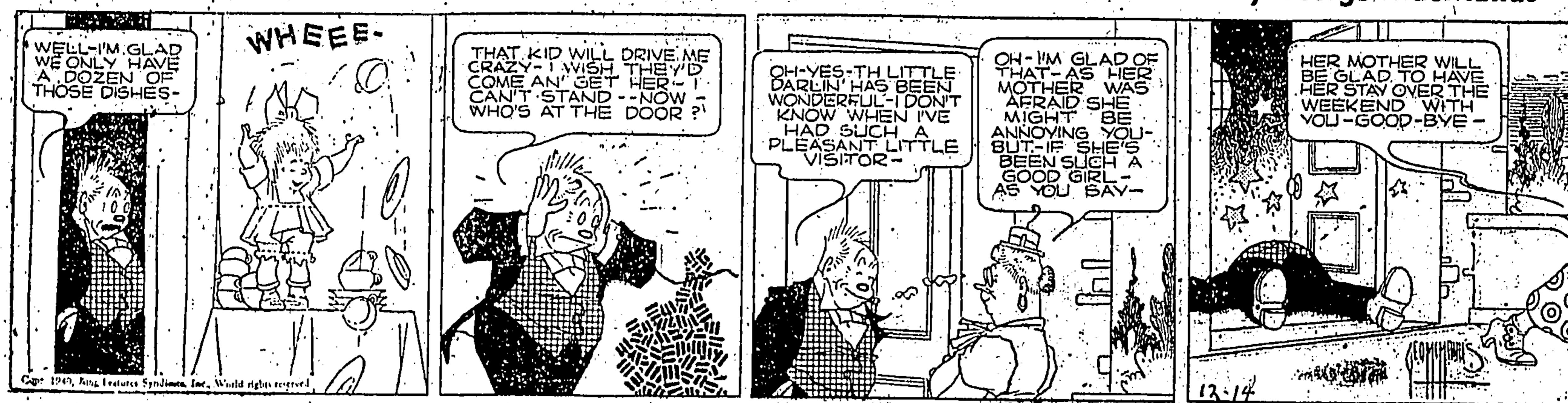


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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN For Older Women

How proud are the children and relatives of the older woman who keeps herself nicely groomed and as becomingly dressed as her circumstances will permit!

Some women get the idea, as their years add up, that no one is interested in their appearance. Others like to feel that age excuses them from bothering with the niceties of personal daintiness. These assumptions are lamentable for I never see an elderly woman who is attractive in appearance without thinking, "How charming. I'll bet she is every bit as popular as scores of women twenty years younger than herself." And I know others react the same way.

Now I do not advocate poorly applied make-up on skin which is withering. Nor do I like to see a too youthful coiffure on a silvered head. But I do like to see that silver hair shining with health, dressed becomingly, and that withering skin kept lubricated and fresh looking by appropriate beauty aids.

If I had a grandmother I would go shopping for her and this is what I would buy: A rich throat cream, an astringent and a chin strap. A lubricating face cream which she could use also for cleansing. A dozen cakes of very good, bland soap and a soft-bristled complexion brush.

I would see that she had a supply of fluffy, down face puffs, a box of the best sifted face powder in the exact shade of her complexion, an eyebrow brush and possibly a brown brow pencil. I would also buy, even against her protestation the most delicate of rouges and lipstick for I loathe seeing older women with drained, too pale faces if they are in fairly good health.

Then I would stock her bathroom with some epsom salts by the pound, for occasional hot baths, the most delectable floral bath oil I could lay my hands on, a cologne which was not too drying (one of those which are partly oil and partly alcohol and scented) in violet, honey suckle, lemon or any other fresh fragrance. I would adore presenting a huge body puff of pink down - or one that was at least eight inches in diameter and a box of powder to accommodate it.

If she didn't have adequate hair aids or a manicure set complete with a softly tinted lacquer polish, I would see that she got them. Then I would explain the use and harmlessness of anti-perspirants and deodorants, for no grandmother of mine would be guilty of this ignorance if I could help it!

You may think that is a sizable list of aids, but do remember that they may easily last for months and in the meantime they serve as inspiration to careful grooming and she will experience great joy in using each of them.

Any woman, old or young, who takes pride in personal grooming cannot help but take pride in her clothing. That follows as night the day, and she turns herself out in a most attractive manner feeling self-assured, appreciated, and grateful!

A SUPPER PARTY'S WITHOUT SWEETS

is enjoyed by all

says Dorothy Greig

PARTY food to most of us means something rich and sweet; "all-sugared and gooed up fit to kill", as a bachelor friend of the family describes it.

This same bachelor knows whereof he speaks for he is in demand at parties and is "faced and baffled" (his own word) by much party food.

Refreshments served at his own smart little supper parties are very different. His platform on the subject is simple, his adherence to it unswerving. "No sweets", says he. "He insists that all food must be crisp, crunchy, meaty or high flavored. There's never a whipped cream or sweet concoction to be seen.

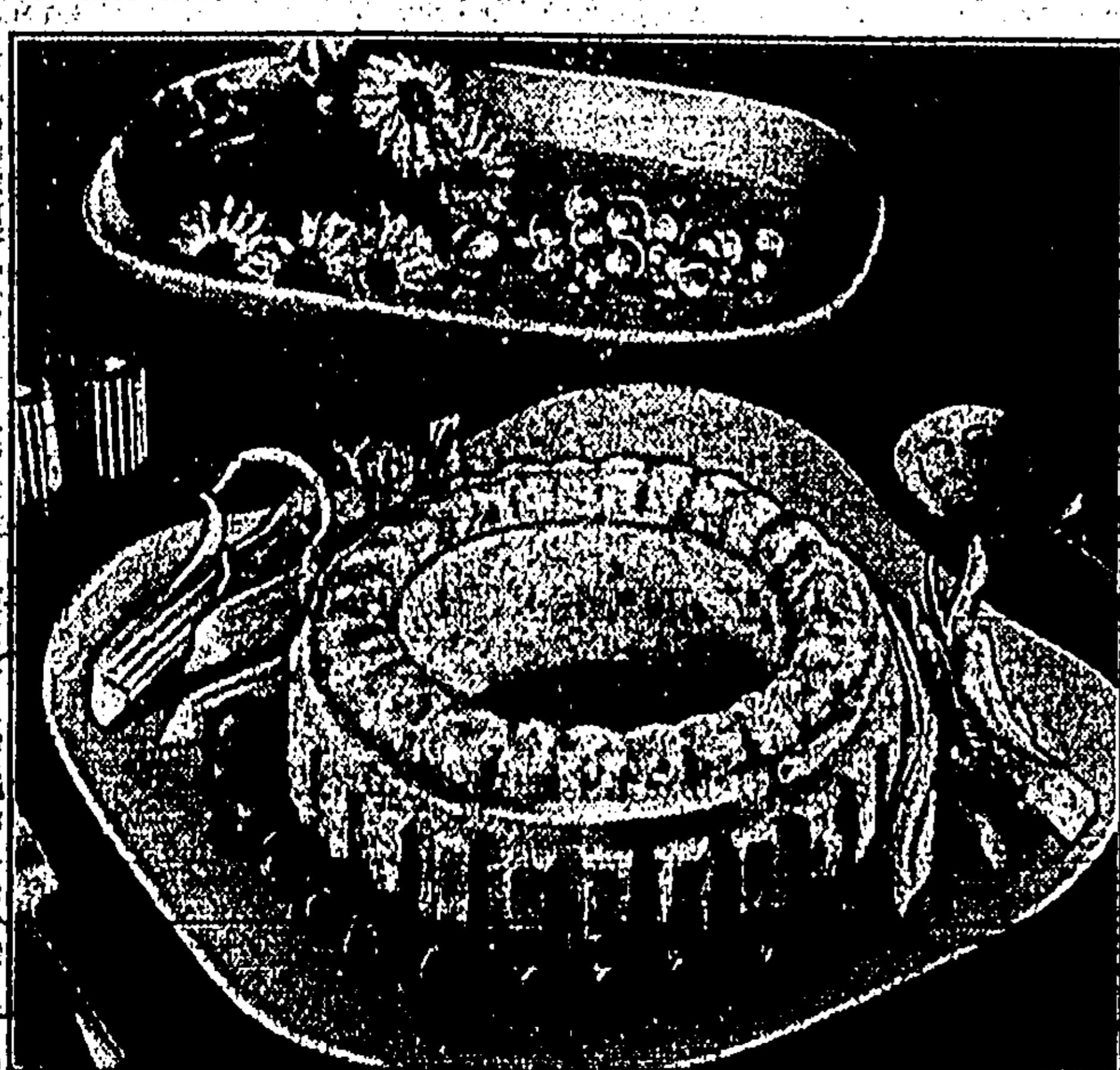
Rather you will find thick soup ladled smoking hot from an enormous high ridged tureen, cold whole baked hams, pots of pork and beans, fresh, crusty rye bread, chilled salad greens, crunchy celery hearts, sausages, wonderful cheeses, pickles, polished red apples, juicy peaches—all that sort of thing. And his guests love it—perhaps because such honest, gusty, relished foods are met but seldom at parties.

For instance, this splay hot tomato juice punch provides a jolly start to such a sweetless supper.

Hot Mulled Tomato Juice
with Lemon Slice Garnish
6 cups tomato juice
6 tablespoons medium brown sugar
6 whole cloves.

2 sticks cinnamon, about 3 inches long
4 slices lemon
Combine all ingredients, bring to a slow boil and simmer for five minutes. Strain. Serve hot from a large bowl with thin slices of lemon and orange floating on top. Makes 1 1/4 quarts hot mulled tomato juice.
Supper Party Salad Mousse
This salad is another suggestion. It consists of crisp vegetables imprisoned in a chicken flavored mousse. Simple to make, delightful to eat.

2 cans condensed chicken soup
2 eggs, separated
1 tablespoon gelatine (softened in 1/4 cup water)
1 1/2 cups cooked carrots, diced
1/4 cup diced celery or cucumber
1 cup cooked green peas
1/4 cup salad dressing or mayonnaise
Heat the soup, add egg yolks gradually and cook until slightly thickened. Dissolve softened gelatine in hot soup mixture. Chill until it begins to stiffen, then fold in carrots, green peas, celery or cucumber, beaten egg whites and mayonnaise. Pour into a mold and chill until firm. Remove from mold and serve on salad greens—lettuce, watercress or chickory or garnished with celery hearts and stuffed olives. Serves 8.



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YOUNGEST PRISONER OF WAR

THEY CALL HIM 'THE ADMIRAL'

(By A Special Correspondent)

AT SCHOOL they called Leslie McDermott Brown the "Admiral." To go to sea was his great ambition. At fifteen he was a cadet in the Glasgow liner Kemmendine.

She vanished on a voyage from Cape Town to Rangoon last August. Now "Admiral" Brown is known to be a captive of the Nazis — the youngest British prisoner of war in Germany.

His mother, overjoyed that he is alive, has taken from a wardrobe the warm coat he used to wear on the bridge.

She has hung it proudly on the side of the dining-room mantelpiece in her home at Kingsacre Road, King's Park, Glasgow.

Mrs. Brown, in her suburban home, told me of the long months of anxiety for the safety of her son since she had received his last letter, dated June 28, from Cape Town.

Her Thanks-Offering

Then she heard on the radio that he was safe.

Later she got a postcard from him from a German prison camp. "When Leslie left on what was the last voyage of the Kemmendine, he knew he was going to a hot climate," said Mrs. Brown.

"So he left behind all his heavy clothes, including his bridge coat, of which he was very proud.

"At nights, when I listened to the German broadcasts and I did not hear my boy's name mentioned among the prisoners of war, I sometimes felt depressed.

"I took out his bridge coat and wept over it."

"Leslie was born on April 1, but it has proved no Fools' Day for him, but extremely lucky."

"He realised his greatest ambition when he went to sea."

As a thanks-offering for the safety of her son, Mrs. Brown has given £5 to the Red Cross.

Leslie has a brother in the R.A.F. who wrote often to his mother during her months of anxiety that he was sure that Leslie was safe.

No trace has been found of the 7,769-ton Kemmendine, which was carrying 147 people, including thirty-eight passengers.

Like many experts, Mrs. Brown believes that the liner was the victim of a surface raider which took her son to Germany.

SAFE IN PIT PROP SHELTER

Pit props supporting a ceiling to make an indoor shelter saved the lives of four people during the London raid.

A bomb fell in waste land twelve yards from a two-storey block of flats. One side of the building was ripped away and the roof shattered, but the floor and ceiling between the upper and lower flats, supported by the pit-props, remained intact.

HE DREW BY SEA: FINED

Alleged to have tried to sketch a harbour and other defence works near Ramsgate, Kent, and to have used a car without a permit on a road within five miles of the coast, an R.A.F. squadron-leader was fined £15 under the defence regulations.

With him was the American wife of a Dutchman. She was fined £5 for using a car on the road.

Costs of £9 15s. were divided between them. The magistrate ordered that the sketch should be erased but that the airmen should be given back his canvas.

Squadron-Leader Murray Armstrong Payn, of Heronden House, Eastray, Kent, and Mrs. Mary Wendell Van Der Woude, of the same address, were accused at Wingham Police Court, near Canterbury.

Mr. Eric Weale, prosecuting solicitor, said they were seen by a lance-corporal on October 27 on the foreshore of Sandwich Bay.

Squadron-Leader Payn opened the sunshine roof of the car and began sketching with a brush, his canvas resting on the car roof.

"Childish"

There was an air raid in progress and German planes overhead, but Payn did not stop.

"He is charged with attempting to sketch, because the sketch is incomplete, and as it stands contains nothing which would give any information to the enemy," said Mr. Weale.

"Payn did not assist matters when interrogated. He was childish to an extreme and gave no assistance in the way one would expect from a man in his position."

Mr. Bentley H. Waddy, defending, said there was no dispute that the offences were committed.

After the death of Payn's father he and his brothers had as their home, the home of Mrs. Van Der Woude, in Eastray.

Her husband was president of the Shell Union in America. She had lived in England since 1926 and her son was about to go into the Guards.

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Her Speed Surprising

"We shall feel tempted to keep them on after the war."

If a fare is likely to be difficult Mrs. Parkes is usually given the job. She can handle him.

"I enjoy it," she said. "No cushy work for me."

Men drivers and mechanics are surprised at the speed with which Mrs. Parkes rips out heavy seats and encases them in white slips when rushing off to a wedding. She is quicker than a man, they say.

Of the other women two are married and two single. One was previously a cook and another worked in a factory.

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ITALY KEEPS HOPES OF EMPIRE

(By HERBERT L. MATTHEWS)

IT IS NOT Italy that is being directly attacked in the war. It is Italy's new empire, the one she fought for in 1935 and 1936, added to in 1939 and hoped to expand through this war.

The old glories of the Roman Empire have been beckoning to the Fascists for twenty years. It is an integral part of their political philosophy that Italy, with her growing population and her "young virile spirit," should expand and become a great imperial power like Britain and France.

One has to remember what the foreign policy of Fascist Italy has been for these last six years to realise what the empire means to the present regime. When Premier Mussolini sought new world to conquer and Italian troops overran Ethiopia and challenged British power, it was a proud moment for the regime. When the democracies were flouted in the two and a half years of intervention on behalf of Generalissimo Francisco Franco and the Spanish Nationalists and Albania was taken without the lifting of a finger by the great powers; when France went down to defeat and Italy felt she was one of the victors, these were great days.

Shattered Dreams

The barren deserts of Libya had been made to bloom. Egypt was invaded and great horizons opened. The Italian Tricolour would be planted on the Nile; the House of Savoy would regain its old Kingdom of Jerusalem; Libya and Ethiopia would be joined across the Sudan.

Italian leaders still insist that those days will come true. It is only necessary for the Axis to win, they say, and the nightmare of British imperial troops in Italian imperial domains will vanish forever. Meanwhile, it is a hard and bitter struggle. Instead of expanding the empire is, at the moment, shrinking under the hammer blows of the enemy. Problems of strategical dangers and economic losses, however temporary, have to be studied.

Strategical Needs

When the Fascisti said that Italy needed an empire, they were speaking in terms of strategy and economy as well as prestige and glory. Italy's position in the Mediterranean is notoriously exposed,

and it was as much to protect her Adriatic coastline as for anything else, it is held, that she stepped across the sea to Albania. In that way the gate to the Adriatic was securely locked and the key held by Italy. The Greeks now think that they are threatening to break down that door. Italians think otherwise. But the fact remains that in striking at Albania the Italians' enemy is aiming at a vital spot in Italy's armour.

Libya, too, plays an important role in Italian Mediterranean policy. Every move westward that the British make brings them nearer to Italy herself. The Italians are certain that the British are not going to get into the western part of Libya, which is the really important part from the viewpoint of war strategy, but they know that they must soon hold fast.

So far as the mother country is concerned, neither the Aegean islands nor East Africa, huge as it is, plays a vital strategic role. The Aegean islands are now surrounded by hostile Greek islands, by the British fleet, centred on Crete, and by an unfriendly Turkish mainland. But British domination of the Eastern Mediterranean has never been in question and Italy can do without the wine and rice and tobacco and wool that have to come from Rhodes and the other islands.

In the same way, Ethiopia was automatically detached from the metropole the minute the war started. She could be reached only through the Suez Canal and through the Strait of Gibraltar and around the whole of Africa. But Britain controlled both gateways.

Exports By Colonies

From the viewpoint of present economic supplies East Africa is not extremely important to Italy. In fact, all the colonies put together in 1939 (the last full annual statistics were issued), exported only 206,000,000 lire worth of goods to Italy. Ethiopia had great potential resources and that was her chief economic interest to Italy.

Before this war Italian private capital had invested well over 5,000,000,000 lire in Ethiopia, and more than 200,000 colonists had been sent down there. It was hoped in the course of time to supply all Italy's needs of cotton, cane sugar, oil seeds, coffee, rubber and lumber, as well as many mineral products.

Albania, also, from the economic viewpoint, was a future asset, and there, too, great investments have been made, some of which now gone up in smoke. It had been hoped, for instance, to get 1,500,000 tons of iron ore this year out of the Lake Ochrida district alone, and now that is a zone of operations.

Libya had been increasing her crop yield at an astonishing rate. Cereal and wine production, for instance, has been doubled in a few years. Wool, hides and skins, tuna fish and olive oil were being exported in large quantities to Italy. These are now being missed, but at least Italians can say if nothing vital comes from their empire.

If the worst comes to the worst, they feel sure that they could lose Albania, Libya, the Aegean islands and East Africa and still be victorious in the war.

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AT SOOKUNPOO last Saturday, Royal Scots and the Middlesex met for their second local derby which resulted in a win for the Middies by three goals to one, after having a one goal lead at the interval.

Royal Army Service Corps who defeated Navy on Sunday at Causeway Bay 7 goals to 1 have now beaten the goal scoring record by one goal and should be able to increase this by many more in their remaining matches.

They are still fighting hard to displace Royal Engineers from their lead in the Second Division, but it looks as if Engineers are well situated there now, and they have only another five games to play before the end of the season.

In Third Division Royal Air Force are creeping away from Royal Corps of Signals, who are now four points in the lead, although the Signals have two games in hand.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

TO-DAY at the Hong Kong Polo ground, Boundary Street, the Command Cross Country runs are being held. This year there are two separate runs, one for Indian other ranks and one for the British ranks of the Garrison.

The first run commences at 3.30 p.m. which is the Indian run, and the British ranks run commences at 3.50 p.m.

The undermentioned teams have entered for these runs:

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6th A.A. Regt., R.A.
1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.
2/14th Punjab Regt.
5/7th Rajput Regt.

This is the first year that the Units of the Garrison have been separated for this competition, and it is hoped to make this event more open. Last year's winners, Rajputana Rifles, who have left the Colony had a good team, and it is rumoured that their relief, the Signals "A" is

SNOOKER

THE Medical Corps are still leading in the Garrison Snooker league and now are three points in the lead of the Royal Engineers Sergeants. Results of recent matches were: R.A.P.C. 4 pts. R.E. Spts. 2 pts. R.A.M.C. 4 pts. Signals "A" 2 pts. C.M. Police 2 pts. Signals Cpls. 4 pts.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	8	4	1	3	32
R.E. Spts.	8	4	2	2	29
R.E. "A"	7	2	1	4	22
R.A.P.C.	8	2	3	3	21
R.A. Stanley	6	2	0	4	20
C.M. Police	7	1	2	4	20
Signals Cpls.	8	2	4	2	19
	8	2	6	0	17

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following are the soccer fixtures for the week-end:

Saturday

First Division
Middlesex v Police (Boundary Street 4.30 p.m.)
R. Scots v Kowloon (Kowloon 4.30 p.m.)
Eastern v St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)
Second Division
Middlesex v Ordnance (Boundary Street 3. p.m.)
R. Scots v Kowloon (Kowloon 3.00 p.m.)
South China v Navy (Caroline Hill 3.00 p.m.)
Service Corps v Kwong Wah (St. Joseph's 4.30 p.m.)
30th R.A. v Club (St. Joseph's 3.00 p.m.)
Third Division
Medicals v Signals (Club 3.00 p.m.)
38th R.A. v 12th R.A. (Military 4.30 p.m.)
20th R.A. v International (Chatham Road 3.00 p.m.)
Engineers v 35th R.A. (Military 3.00 p.m.)
24th R.A. v 7th R.A. (Chatham Road 4.30 p.m.)

Sunday

First Division
South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.)
Second Division
Kit Chee v Engineers (Caroline Hill 3.00 p.m.)
Third Division
Shell v Air Force (Boundary Street 3.00 p.m.)
A.S.A. v Service Corps (Chatham Road 4.30 p.m.)

RUGBY

THERE are still four Army teams left in the Colony Seven-a-Side Rugby tournament, and the Quarter Finals will be played on Saturday at the Club ground commencing at 3 p.m.

Royal Scots, who defeated the Combined Small Units last Saturday, have a hard match on with Royal Engineers, and the Middlesex Regt. "B" team are playing the Butterfield and Swire seven. The 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., meet the Tamar and Small Ships which should be very interesting to watch.

Royal Engineers should in my opinion be able to pass into the Semi Finals and if they do succeed they will should get into the Final, and have a fine opportunity of winning the Tournament.

To-day, in the Large Units Rugby League, Royal Scots are due to play Royal Engineers.

So far Royal Engineers have not yet lost a game in this League and Royal Scots have only lost one, so it should prove a keen hard struggle.

C.S.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The first eleven of Hong Kong Civil Service Cricket Club will play a two-day friendly Cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's ground on Saturday and Sunday.

Following have been selected to represent Civil Service Club:

J. E. Richardson (Captain), K. J. Attwell, F. Baker, W. Colledge, R. H. Griffiths, B. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Perry, R. G. K. Thompson, N. Whitley, R. M. Wood and A. M. J. Wright.

The second eleven will play Hong Kong Cricket Club in a friendly match on the latter's ground at 2 p.m. on March 8, and will be represented by:

H. E. Strange (Captain), G. Ahissle, J. Burrow, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, J. T. Lockhart, J. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, G. Stone, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

OLYMPICS MAY BE REPLACED BY "BRITISH GAMES"

A prediction that the Olympic Games are a thing of the past and that a meeting of the British Commonwealth of Nations, similar to the British Empire Games, will take their place was made by Jack Lovelock, the former world mile record holder and winner of the 1,500 metres in the Berlin Olympics in 1936.

There has long been a feeling in athletic circles, particularly in the United States and Canada, that the Olympic Games are dead, and Lovelock is the most recent contributor to this theme of thought.

"The Olympic Games are in all probability a thing of the past," says Lovelock, writing in *Sporting Life*. "After experience of two of them I have been definitely against them, as bringing out certainly not the best in the game, whatever the athletes show."

Continuance Wanted

Lovelock urges the continuance of international sports because they give men confidence and experience, and adequately controlled do good for the sport. He thinks the most important internationals are going to be those known as the Empire Games.

Mr. A. P. Herbert stated recently that "nowadays we correct ourselves with difficulty to speak not of the Empire, but of the British Commonwealth of Nations. So the name of the games would have to be changed." He suggests "The British Games."

Lovelock urges the authorities to plan now. He suggests they could be held every four years, as now, and in the intervening year the already existing Empire and U.S.A. match previously held immediately after the Olympics should be elaborated.

Lovelock realises that it is not going to be a very easy thing, and he enumerates some of the difficulties to be overcome.

The strain that will be imposed on athletes from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, who will have to compete in Australia, New Zealand or South Africa after a hard season at home; and the time and cost of travelling — it will mean four months and £200 for a man to run in the Antipodes — are two of the chief obstacles.

But the advantages are numerous, not the least being that the men competing will have the same basic idea — having the time, let records come if they must.

FERRIER'S VALUABLE GOLF PRIZE

Jim Ferrier, the Australian open golf champion and formerly of Shanghai, recently won the amateur prize in the \$10,000 Miami Open Golf championship, when he scored a par 70 to defeat Earl Christiansen, a Miami detective, by three strokes in an 18-hole play-off for amateur honours.

Ferrier and Christiansen had tied with 287 strokes for 72-holes, seven over par. Reuter,

PASSING OF A GRAND CRICKETER

GEORGE MACAULAY, WHOSE DEATH ON ACTIVE SERVICE WAS REPORTED RECENTLY WAS A PILOT OFFICER AND A YORKSHIRE CRICKETER FOR 15 YEARS.

Macaulay, whose bowling was just above medium pace and was deadly on a helpful wicket, played for the White Rose County from 1920 to 1935 and took 1,773 wickets at an average cost of 17.08 runs. During his career he did the "hat-trick" four times, and in 1925 he took 176 wickets at 15.21 apiece.

Macaulay scored 5,759 runs for Yorkshire, and he once reached the heights of greatness in a test match. Playing for Eng. and against Australia, at Headingley in 1926, he and George Geary, of Leicestershire, defied the Australian bowling in a ninth-wicket partnership which put on 108, Macaulay claiming 76.

That was the match in which Charles Macartney scored his famous century before lunch after the Australians had been put in on a wicket which had been soaked overnight. Australia scored 494, and England lost wickets quickly. Then came Macaulay, tight-lipped and square-jawed to help force an honourable draw for England.

Many Obstacles

There is an interesting sidelight to the gallant part Macaulay played in that Test match. Just before he went in to bat he said to Hendren: "Pat, I want a bat with some runs in it. Have you got one?"

In reply Hendren handed over his favourite willow and said to Macaulay: "Forward the Light Brigade." Hendren tells this story in his book, "Big Cricket," and adds: "It was time to review the epic into the jaws of death in a cricket sense went George. But the hour provided the man."

Macaulay went to South Africa in 1922 under the captaincy of F. T. Mann and he distinguished himself in his first Test match by taking a wicket with his first ball and made the winning hit when England won by one wicket.

When playing against Leicestershire in 1934 Macaulay injured the spinning finger of his bowling hand and many thought this caused him to retire earlier than otherwise would have been likely.

Since retiring from first-class cricket in 1935, however, he had played with League sides in Wales, Lancashire and Yorkshire. When at his best he was recognised as the finest off-break bowler in the country. Not many people will remember that he began his career with Yorkshire as a fast bowler. It was George Hirst who told him to concentrate on spin and length and pay less attention to speed.

ST. JOSEPH'S SPORTS

The annual Athletic sports of St. Joseph's College will be held at the Caroline Hill stadium on Thursday. Mr. J. M. Wilson, B.Sc., will distribute the prizes at the end of the meet.

REFEREES' MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil this evening at 8 p.m.



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Mechanical Devices Are The New Mode

The Electric Eye And Numerous Clever Inventions

"Kill the Umpire!" That colourful cry is going to lose its place in the language of baseball fans before long, writes a correspondent. There wouldn't be much satisfaction in yelling, "Kill the electric eye." But that's what you'd have to say, because, on many of the diamonds in America, the electric eye has been tried out on the job of calling strikes. Beams of light intersect at the correct height over the home plate. When a pitched ball cuts both beams, the electric eyes signal a strike.

And that's just a good start on what's happening in every sport. Science has invaded the playing fields.

Stick to baseball for a minute: Byron Moser of St. Louis has developed a "machine gun" that pitches four balls a minute at the practicing batter.

The Cleveland Indians even have a portable machine that automatically measures how fast the ball travels. The pitcher hurls a ball into a tunnel; photo-electric cells actuate a "speedometer." Bob Feller can throw a ball at a speed of 75 miles an hour.

To train the pitcher, some of the clubs have been trying out a robot catcher. The pitcher hurls the ball at a robot catcher. The pitcher hurls the ball at a target; the spent ball drops into a hopper, and a mechanical arm snaps it back to the pitcher.

No Place For Slackers

Now take American football: An ingenious invention for the training of husky linemen is a sledlike mechanism, fitted with padded arms and springs. Against this, the players charge. A scale shows the coach just what pressure each lineman is exerting. Dartmouth has a charging sled fitted with a huge, clock-like dial which registers the total pressure being applied by all the linemen.

A revolutionary device for the training of boxers consists of two gloved fists, driven by compressed air and controlled by the instructor. They permit complete accuracy and they pack a mean wallop.

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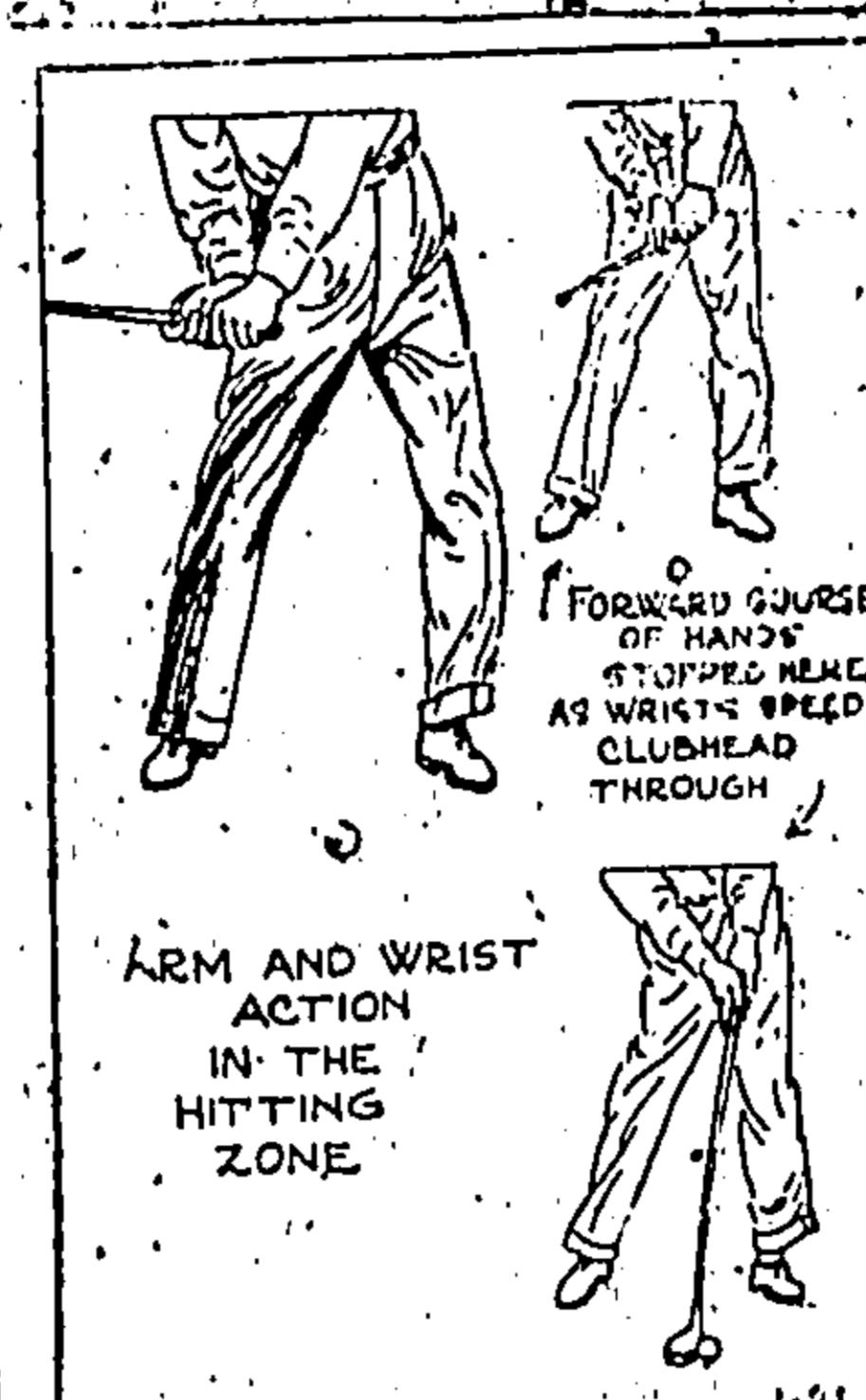
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IMPACT ACTION

BY: BEST BALL

Hand and wrist action in the hitting zone takes place so rapidly that it is difficult for the player to follow it. High speed photography, however, has enlightened this particular phase of the stroke no little. Above, for example, is the lightning like stroke of long hitting, Jimmy Thomson. In the large figure above he is just entering the hitting area, the wrists are about to start uncocking and the hands have but a short distance to traverse before they must cease momentarily their forward motion to allow the wrists and hands to snap the clubhead through. Compared to the distance the hands have to travel the clubhead's arc to the ball looms large indeed at this point yet it is the flexible wrist action, so important in a good stroke, which makes this possible.

The wrists have already started uncocking in the smaller upper panel while the hands have reached the correct impact position. Their position is the same in the lower panel while impact is taking place.

Next Article: — Playing Position.

CHALLENDON BEST UNITED STATES HORSE

By a vote of 84 to 34, writers of horse racing all over the United States chose Mr. W. L. Brann's great thoroughbred, Challenon, as the "Horse of the Year" for the second consecutive year.

Mr. Charles S. Howard's Seabiscuit got the 34 votes for second place.

Challenon was only beaten twice out of seven races he ran in, but in both defeats he was forced to give away eight pounds to two of the best horses on the turf—Eight Thirty and Hash.

Wins: \$70,625.

Challenon won \$70,625 during 1940, which does not look so good beside the \$98,850 which Seabiscuit picked up, but Seabiscuit won most of that sum sum in winning the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, which made him the leading money-winning horse of all time. He was retired to stud after running in only four races this year.

Colonel E. R. Bradley's Bimblech was voted the best three-year-old of the year, despite his defeat in the Kentucky Derby and his hoof injury which cut short his campaign. —Reuter

HUGE PRICE PAID FOR BASEBALLER

THE BROOKLYN DODGERS of the National League, who finished in second place last baseball season and who are determined to win the League Pennant and the World Series in 1941, are continuing their fabulous spending in order to make their team invincible.

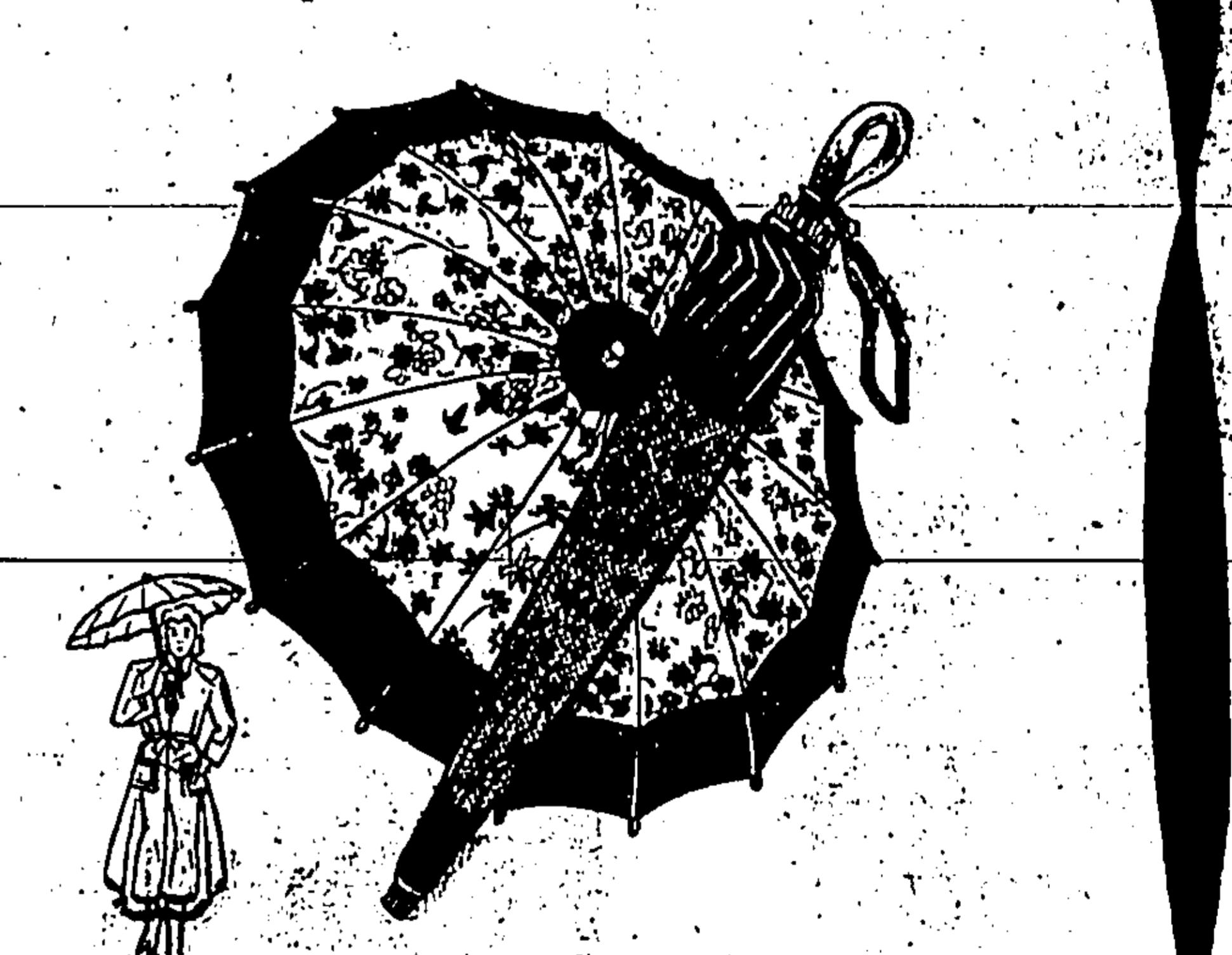
Owen Famous

The Dodgers had previously bought Pitcher Kirby Higbe from the impoverished Philadelphia Phillies for \$100,000, and last season they considerably strengthened their side by buying Joe Medwick, famous outfielder, from the Cardinals.

Owen is regarded as one of the National League's best catchers and several clubs had been after him.

It was also announced that James Thompson, "Doc" Prothro, had been signed to manage the Philadelphia Phillies for another year. —Reuter.

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A commentator in the Tokyo "Miyako Shimbun" asks: "How is it that England, who has lost the Continent and faces the avalanche of the German armies, is able to stand firm in this way?"

"We know the lofty spiritual fortitude of the British people and their strength, derived from calmness in adversity, but apart from that the British Parliament, which prides itself on being the fountainhead of Liberalism, voted plenary powers for wartime mobilisation within 30 minutes as soon as the country was faced by danger and vested the Premier with plenary powers.

"We cannot but bow with respect."

Moscow Divorces Itself
From Sofia Policy

Moscow radio announced last night that the Soviet Foreign Commissariat had informed the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow yesterday that the Soviet Government considered the entry of German troops into Bulgaria tends towards extension of the war to the Balkans, and that it could not support the attitude of the Bulgarian Government. — Reuter.

BRITAIN PREPARES
FOR ACTION

(By Earl Reves)

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BULGARIAN capitulation has given Germany the go-ahead for further penetration in the Balkans and an assault on Greece, and it is being asserted that the Kremlin has advised Turkey against taking sides.

Sources in close touch with the general political situation are, however, still convinced that Germany wants to bring the Greek war with Italy to an end without themselves becoming involved in the conflict, if it can be achieved by scare threats.

Meanwhile Britain has indicated that she may take early military action against the German troops in Bulgaria.

Balkans reports reveal troop movements indicating that war is imminent.

Six hundred German planes are reported to be in Rumania and Bulgaria, including long-range bombers, while an additional 400

Nazi Military Machine Rolling Into Bulgaria
Turkish Border
Massing Rumoured

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GERMAN MILITARY ARE STEADILY ROLLING THROUGH BULGARIA, SPEAR-HEADING CLOSER TO GREECE AND TURKEY, TO HASTEN THE APPROACH OF A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE AXIS.

As Bulgaria silently observed the 63rd anniversary of her independence, motorised Nazi detachments were reported to be establishing outposts south of Sofia in the Struma River valley, less than 60 miles north of Salonika.

Britain is expected to sever relations with Bulgaria in a day or two. The Minister in Sofia, Mr. George Rendel, has been authorised to quit Sofia at his discretion.

The German march into Bulgaria and the future of Greece and Yugoslavia dominate talk in

Sofia's diplomatic circles. Impression prevails there that Greece will have to decide in a few days whether to capitulate to the Axis or brave a German thrust to Salonika.

Despite Turkey's mining of the Dardanelles and other preparatory measures, Sofia believes that the Turks will remain passive no matter what happens to Greece, unless the Turkish frontier is attacked.

Agreement With Britain

Nothing, however, is known of the agreements reached between the Turkish and British General Staffs, and the carefully preserved secret may prove a restraining

(Continued on Page 16)

CINEMA
TO COST
YOU MORE

New rates of entertainments duty are to come into effect as from April 1st, in accordance with a resolution to be submitted in Legislative Council on Thursday.

The new rates represent a very considerable increase. The old rates were 5 cents tax on tickets from 20 cents to 50 cents, 10 cents from 50 cents to \$1, and 10 per cent. on amounts above, with 20 cents as the minimum.

The new rates are:

Price of admission exceeds 4 cents and does not exceed 10 cents — Tax 1 cent.

Exceeds 10 cents and does not exceed 20 cents — 2 cents.

Exceeds 20 cents and does not exceed 35 cents — 5 cents.

Exceeds 35 cents and does not exceed 60 cents — 10 cents.

Exceeds 60 cents and does not exceed \$1.00 — 20 cents.

Exceeds \$1.00 and does not exceed \$1.40 — 30 cents.

Exceeds \$1.40 and does not exceed \$2.00 — 40 cents.

Exceeds \$2.00 and does not exceed \$3.00 — 50 cents.

Exceeds \$3.00 and does not exceed \$4.00 — 70 cents.

Exceeds \$4.00 and does not exceed \$5.00 — \$1.00.

Exceeds \$5.00 — \$1.30 for the first \$6.00 and 30 cents for each additional dollar or part thereof.

The effect will be an all-round increase in cinema prices, although the exact effect has not yet been determined.

The \$1 seat is likely to cost \$1.20, and the \$1.50 seat \$1.70.

BRITAIN'S VIRTUAL
ULTIMATUM
TO RUMANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The London "Daily Telegraph" reported yesterday from Sofia that a virtual ultimatum has been delivered from Britain to Rumania to expel German troops by to-day or to be subjected to British and Greek air attacks.

No confirmation is available in Government quarters in London. — International News Service.

U.S. MAY FREEZE
MORE CREDITS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, declared yesterday that some kind of foreign fund "freezing" order will be issued to-day.

He hinted that the United States will sequester the funds of all European nations. — International News Service.

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China's Parliament In Session On Big Problems

CLOSE WATCH OF MOVES OF JAPANESE

DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC and food questions are principal points occupying the attention of the National People's Political Council which is at present in session in Chungking.

During a report given on foreign affairs for the past ten months, it is understood that the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, reviewed in detail Soviet, British and American relations with China.

He also reviewed the Tientsin silver issue and the question of the Chinese courts in the Shanghai French Concession.

Numerous questions were raised by the delegates, chiefly concerning recent information on Japan's southward expansion and China's counter-measures.

China's steps to counter the tripartite alliance, the facts behind the Soviet-Japanese negotiations, the aim of Mr. Matsukawa's Oceania demand and information concerning Mr. Lauchlin Currie's visit to Chungking, also occupied discussion.

It is learned that Dr. Wang Chung-hui agreed to give written replies at a later session of the Council.

Mr. Oong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs, also submitted a report on the economic situation.

Food Policy

Questions raised by delegates included such questions as what is the Government's policy regarding Government's proposal regarding the sale of foodstuffs, what is the future Government food trade policy, Government monopoly or free trade, has the Government any effective measures to stabilise commodity prices, since prices differ considerably in different districts, and has the Government any plans for the proper distribution of commodities.

In reference to domestic affairs, General Chiang Kai-shek, in his opening address on Saturday, said that final victory must be the common goal.

National defence must be above everything else since there can be no freedom, rights or liberty in

Presidium Of Five

It is interesting to note that the Council's presidium of five includes the leaders of all political groups—General Chiang Kai-shek (Government and the Kuomintang), Mr. Chang Po-ling (Independent educationalist), Mr. Tao Jun-sun (Chinese Youth Party), Mr. Chang Chun-mai (Chinese National Socialist) and Miss Wu Ya-fan (Independent Woman Educationalist).

Altogether 201 delegates are attending the Council meeting, the largest attendance in the history of the Council.—Reuter.

Resolution Passed

A resolution was passed to issue a circular telegram supporting Chiang Kai-shek's reiteration in his speech at the Council's opening ceremony of China's determination to continue resistance until China wins the final victory and to set national defence as one of the goals of reconstruction.

A special committee was organised to investigate commodity prices and draw up measures of readjustment.

Reports on education and social affairs were made by Mr. Chen Li-fu, and Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Ministers of Education and Social Welfare respectively.

Yesterday afternoon proposals examination committees were organised and reports on communications, agriculture and forestry and interior affairs were made by Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, General Chan Chai-tong and Mr. Chow Chung-yueh, Ministers of Communications, Agriculture and Forestry and Interior respectively.—Central News.

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COLONEL DONOVAN IN LONDON

Colonel W. J. Donovan, unofficial European observer for President Roosevelt, arrived in London from Lisbon yesterday.

He was in London in August and again in December and during the intervening periods has visited nearly a dozen capitals. Col. Donovan declined to say anything as to the object of his new visit to London or his recent visits to European capitals but said he did not expect to be in Britain more than a week.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S POLICY ALL OF A PIECE

"Japan's southward expansion is inseparable from her aggression against China," declared General Chiang Kai-shek, addressing the opening session of the National People's Political Council in Chungking yesterday.

Pressing for insistence on final victory for China, the Generalissimo added that national independence must be preserved over every-thing else.—Reuter.



A USE FOR ART—This furniture dealer in a West Country town found a novel use for old art paintings when the windows of his shop were smashed during a raid. (Copyright, Fox).

BULGARIAN FUNDS IN U.S. FROZEN

The U.S. State Department has advised the Treasury to "freeze" Bulgarian funds in the United States as the result of the entry of German troops into Bulgaria, according to a Reuter despatch from Washington this morning.

JEWISH ARMY PROPOSAL

Non-British Jews are asking for the right to form a Jewish army, according to a deputation to Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Premier of Australia, from the executive of the Zionist State Council of New South Wales.

This army would act as a unit within the Empire for the defence of Palestine or service elsewhere. The deputation mentioned that refugees in Australia had repeatedly offered their services. Mr. Fadden is forwarding the request to Mr. Menzies, the Premier, who is now in London.—Reuter.

MINISTER'S GESTURE

FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF THE BULGARIAN MINISTER IN LONDON, M. MOMTCHILOFF, WAS RECEIVED IN LONDON FROM SOFIA YESTERDAY.

M. Momtchiloff telegraphed his resignation to the Bulgarian Government on Sunday when a message was transmitted stating that bad weather was being experienced.

The radio suddenly stopped and nothing was heard of the machine until Sunday when it was accidentally sighted by a pilot of a machine which was forced to return to Kweilin owing to bad weather.

Army Problem For The Shop

SOLDIERS IN BRITAIN may be asked to confine the spending of their money to Army canteens and to buy from shopkeepers only those articles N.A.A.F.I. cannot supply.

This is a likely outcome of the remarkable situation which has arisen in many areas where the number of troops is now so great that it is almost impossible for civilians to buy razor blades, cigarettes, chocolate or writing-pads.

One shopkeeper said that his stocks of these articles lasted him for only a few days each month, and that 90 per cent. was bought by the troops in the neighbourhood.

They Like Shopping Trips

There had been cases of men travelling ten miles to buy a razor.

C.N.A.C. WRECK FOUND

The wreck of the C.N.A.C. plane which had been missing since February 12 was located on Sunday by a pilot flying between Kweilin and Hong Kong, the "China Mail" learned this morning.

It was observed from the air flying on a hillside near the Kweilin-Kwangsi-Hunan border.

Search parties have been sent out to inspect the wreck.

The missing plane, with Pilot E. J. Thom, Co-Pilot Paul Chin and Radio-Operator C. N. Paul and a passenger on board, left Hong Kong for Chungking at 2 a.m. on February 12 and was in radio communication with Chungking until 4 a.m. when a message was transmitted stating that bad weather was being experienced.

The radio suddenly stopped and nothing was heard of the machine until Sunday when it was accidentally sighted by a pilot of a machine which was forced to return to Kweilin owing to bad weather.

No decision has yet been reached by the War Office as to how to tackle this situation, but any definite order to the troops is unlikely.

An appeal for their cooperation is more possible.

"One of the troubles is that the soldier likes to shop away from the Army atmosphere," an official said.

"Their canteen may be full of things they need, but most of them want to go out into the town or village."

"When the shops are sold out they fall back on the Army stores, but the civilian can't and he goes short."

"We are now trying to evolve a scheme which will be fair both to soldiers and civilians."

NAZI AIR LOSS OVER BRITAIN

Over 370 planes were lost by the enemy in the Middle East during February, compared with British losses of 26 machines.

The official return shows that in this war zone 120 enemy machines were shot down and over 250 destroyed on the ground or captured.

During the same month the total of German planes lost over Britain since the war began was brought to 3,123 by the destruction of a further 36 machines.

Of these, 12 were brought down at night and eight by A.A. fire.

British losses over Germany and occupied territory were 49 and German eleven.

Up to Feb. 26, British losses under this heading totalled 26.—Reuter.

HIDE AND SEEK WAR AT KEREN

Highlanders And Sudanese In Exciting Action Railway Town Proving Tough Nut

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Imperial Forces on the Keren Front)

HIDE-AND-SEEK ARTILLERY DUELS, IN WHICH THE ITALIAN GUNNERS SHIFTED THEIR GUN POSITIONS DURING DARKNESS, CONCEALING THEM WITHIN THE SCRUB AND ROCKY CREVICES, AND THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE IN PLACES WHICH THE ITALIANS DEEMED INACCESSIBLE, HAVE BEEN FEATURES OF THE BRITISH SIEGE OF KEREN.

Keren is the railway town in Eritrea which is being found one of the toughest nuts to crack in General Wavell's campaign against Italy's East African Empire.

BLACK-OUT LIFTED AT NAIROBI

The black out restrictions are being removed in Nairobi and the whole of the highlands area from to-day.

Modified restrictions will be in force on the coast. Reuter.

U.S. ORDERS GASMASKS

GAS MASKS FOR THE USE OF NON-COMBATANTS IN AREAS UNDER MILITARY JURISDICTION, HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT.

Disclosing this fact yesterday, the War Department stated that "a limited quantity" of gas masks had been ordered. Of low cost, the masks would be supplied by five manufacturers.

No further extension of facilities for the manufacture of gas masks is contemplated at present. Reuter.

R.A.F.'S GREAT CONTRIBUTION IN AFRICA WAR

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at an Advance Air Base on the Sudan-Eritrean Frontier)

BRITISH BOMBERS, South African fighters and a special Rhodesian squadron are leading in the R.A.F.'s contribution to the British successes in Eritrea.

For weeks past our airmen have been bombing the Italian air force right out of the sky, so that to-day the British infantry in the most forward positions seldom see an Italian plane.

Over Keren, British bombers have been in continuous operation despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. They have not only blown up military objectives but have also dropped pamphlets and taken valuable low-flying photographs.

Dominions airmen, especially, settle down quickly to local conditions.

I found South African pilots of one fighter squadron, which already has nearly 80 Italian planes to its credit, living in a series of tunnels in Sudanese mud-huts around the aerodrome.

They declared their strange dwellings are both cool and comfortable.

A Rhodesian squadron is sta-

tioned in a forward position in Eritrea. Its members are also comfortably established. They even have their own refrigerator far from civilization.

The constant appearance of British bombers and fighters zooming in increasing numbers over the heads of the advancing British troops has been very heartening to these men, plodding through inhospitable and unfamiliar country. — Reuter.

Further south the Italians have

retreated from Barentu to cover Asmara and Massawa, both of which are strongly defended.

The R.A.F., however, have com-

plete control of the air in this

area, having destroyed all Italian

planes in the vicinity and wreck-

ed enemy aerodromes.—British

Wireless.

The British artillery was signalled and guns brought up.

Later the British troops, crouching behind rocks in the blazing desert sun, heard British shells screaming overhead to pound the Italian positions a couple of hundred yards further on.

Wonderful Shooting

"It was wonderful shooting," one Highlander said. "Our boys plucked the very first shells plumb on the Italians, who soon packed up. Some surrendered. Others retreated."

The Sudan Defence Force, throughout the campaign, has done brilliant though little publicised work, their fast armoured cars whizzing among and around the advanced Italian positions like fast motorboats, scattering the enemy in all directions.

The whole Eritrean campaign has been an outstanding example of Empire cooperation.

Forewarning Of Italian Collapse

"The fighting in East Africa is of an extremely intense nature and it may be necessary for us to make ulterior sacrifices," said war commentators on Rome radio yesterday.

They added the British were using a third of a million men in East Africa and they were armed with the most modern weapons, tanks and armoured cars.

"In these conditions the fight presents an undoubted advantage for the British."

80 Miles Beyond Mogadiscio

In their sweep into Italian Somaliland, British troops have reached a point 80 miles beyond Mogadiscio and have occupied the villages of Duca, Degli and Abruzzi.

There is no change in the position in Eritrea, Libya or Abyssinia, it was reported in yesterday's official Cairo communiqué.—Reuter.

Difficult Conditions

A CORRESPONDENT WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN Eritrea writes that the Imperial Forces, including Indians and a Free French Infantry unit, have continued the advance towards Keren, capturing Mescellit Pass which lies 15 miles to the north of the town.

Conditions are terribly difficult as there are no roads fit for mechanised units. Camels are being used to carry materials.

The rest of the Imperial forces are still in position four miles south-east of Keren, whose principal defences lie in its 7,000 feet altitude and road and paths which are hardly negotiable.

Further south the Italians have



Nurses at the Moorfields Eye Hospital attending to patients who are settled down for the night in the air raid shelter. (Copyright, Fox).

U.S. AID FOR BRITAIN

"Blanket" authority has been issued for the export to Britain and Northern Ireland of 138 key war products, including aluminium and aircraft parts, says Reuter from Washington.

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PRELUDE TO BALKAN AGGRESSION

BULGARIA'S ADHERENCE to the Axis pact remains the chief topic in the Turkish newspapers.

The "Vatan" describes it as a "prelude to aggression in the Balkans," and adds that Turkey must redouble her vigilance.

The "Tan" emphasises that Bulgaria's signature to the pact was secured by Germany long ago and only the date of enslavement remained open.

Other papers declare an explanation is necessary as to why Bulgaria took the latest action so soon after signing the Turco-Bulgarian non-aggression agreement.

The "Ulus" says: "The Turco-Bulgarian agreement reaffirmed Bulgaria's intention not to resort to war to settle problems with her neighbours but all depends on acts which the obligations contained in the tripartite and Bulgarian-Axis alliance are applied.

The Anglo-Turkish Alliance has helped to keep the peace in the Balkans and Near East. Let us hope Bulgaria will use her influence to sway the tripartite pact in favour of peace and will succeed." — Reuter.

INVASION PORTS BOMBED

The R.A.F. made a heavy attack on the invasion ports on the French coast last night.

FROM THE SOUTH COAST OF ENGLAND THE RAID WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE BUT A STIFF WIND IN THE STRAITS MUFFLED THE SOUND OF EXPLOSIONS.

ABOVE CALAIS AND BOULOGNE GREAT FLASHES LIGHTED UP THE SKY AND SCORES OF SEARCHLIGHTS WERE IN ACTION ALONG 20 MILES OF THE FRENCH COAST. — REUTER.

MONEY FOUND

Mr. W. F. Orchard, of the Hong Kong Electric Company's Showroom in Gloucester Arcade, found a sum of \$27 on the floor of his office yesterday afternoon. The money was sent to Central Police Station.

Air War Round Britain

One enemy fighter was shot down by R.A.F. fighters off the Kent coast yesterday afternoon during "slight enemy activity over this country during daylight," according to an official communiqué.

A bomb was dropped on a town in Kent. One was killed and a small number injured.

One British fighter is missing. The enemy last night were over a South Wales town and East Anglia. London also had an alert last night. — Reuter.

INSPECTOR GOING ON LEAVE

Mr. A. Wright, Divisional Inspector of Yaumati, is leaving tomorrow on a four-month vacation for Australia, where he will join his wife and children.

Inspector A. V. Baker, of Kowloon City Police Station, has been appointed Divisional Inspector, Yaumati, while Inspector E. G. Post will take over Inspector Baker's position at Kowloon City.

It is understood that Inspector Wright will be appointed Divisional Inspector, South, when he returns to the Colony from leave.

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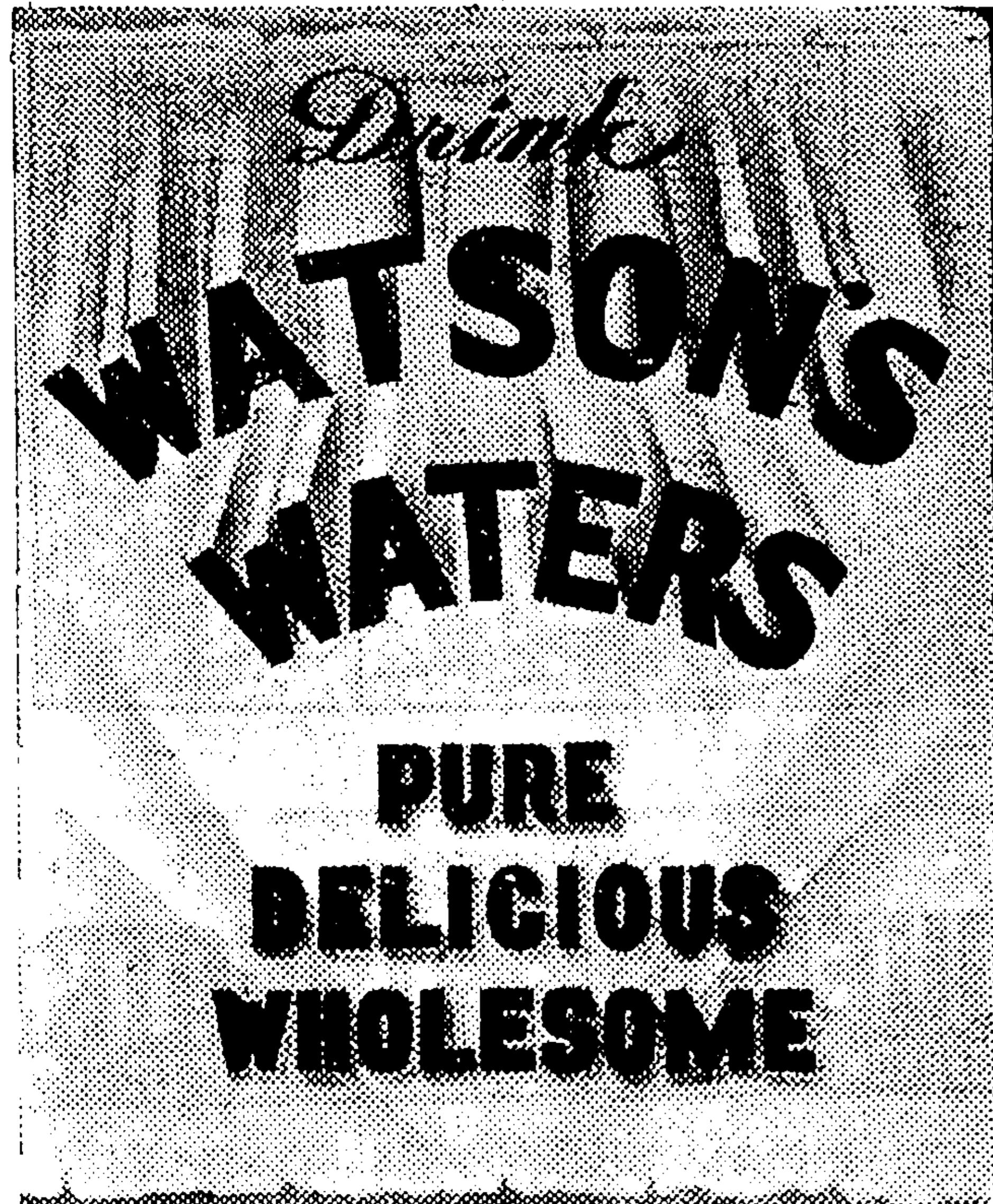
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Children from London schools who have been evacuated to the country are finding lessons much more interesting. At this school in Sussex egg grading and pig farming have been added to their curriculum and the girls and boys have taken to their new tasks with enthusiasm. Photo shows the piglets when their feeding time comes round. (Copyright, Fox).

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VICHY HEDGING IN TOKYO "MEDIATION"

A TOKYO REPORT says an agreement is expected to be drafted this afternoon by the peace conference following the receipt of new instructions by the French and Thai delegations.

Meanwhile, the Japanese are urging the French to reconsider their reply which, while accepting Japan's proposals in principle, is reported to contain several reservations, notably regarding Cambodia. — Reuter.

French circles in London commenting on the Tokyo "mediation" situation, think that Vichy is still playing for time. Hence acceptance of Japan's terms "in principle" is subject to certain conditions which will prolong the parleys.

However, it is thought possible that Saigon may ignore Vichy's decision and resist if Japan uses force. This accounts for the undiminished military preparations in Indo-China.

It is believed that Vichy is anxious to avoid war principally for the following reasons:

First, Vichy is afraid of angering Berlin, thereby straining the already not so cordial relations.

Second, Vichy feels itself helpless and isolated and cannot appeal for assistance from Britain and the United States.

Thirdly, if Indo-China eventually joins General de Gaulle, Vichy will be considerably embarrassed vis-a-vis Berlin and its prestige will be affected as Marshal Petain has repeatedly affirmed Vichy's determination to defend the integrity of the French Empire.

General de Gaulle's statement that concessions wrested from Indo-China by extortion will not be recognised is a clear warning that whatever may happen now, the matter will be different after the Allied victory.

From reports reaching London it seems that Tokyo is trying to justify the ultimatum to Vichy by accusing British and American "intrigues" to obstruct Japan's mediation efforts. — Central News.

SOVIET UNION AND THAILAND

A preliminary agreement between Thailand and Soviet Russia, for the resumption of diplomatic and trade relations, is understood to have been reached in Moscow, says Reuter from Bangkok.

THAILAND STATES POLICY

Thailand will do her utmost to avoid being drawn into the vortex of power politics in the Far East and is determined jealously to guard her neutrality.

This statement was made by a Thai Cabinet Minister, Nai Vilat, in an interview with Reuter in Bangkok yesterday.

Commenting on reports that the Vichy Government had ac-

AVALANCHE WRECKS SCHOOL

Heavy snowstorms in Switzerland have covered villages in masses of snow and in one place an avalanche has destroyed a school, cemetery and barracks.

Tourists have been warned not to start trips on the mountains because of the danger of avalanches everywhere. — Associated Press.

cepted Japan's proposals for settlement of Thailand's territorial dispute with French Indo-China, Nai Vilat said officials in Bangkok were still without confirmation from the Thai delegation in Tokyo.

If true, Vichy's acceptance ends the 75-year-old grievance of Siam against France, and Nai Vilat observed: "We hail the news with delight as a landmark in our history." — Reuter.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS AT YULIN BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A SQUADRON OF 12 Chinese bomber and fighter aircraft raided a Japanese naval concentration in Yulin Harbour (Hainan Island) last week, it was learned in Kwong Chow Wan last night from authentic foreign circles.

The same source of information stated that the Japanese have admitted that "unidentified aircraft dropped bombs in Yulin Harbour on February 25" but claimed that no damage was done.

It is alleged, however, that at least three Japanese warships were hit, but the extent of damage caused was not ascertainable. Im-

mediately after dropping their bombs, the Chinese aircraft made haste to return to their base with Japanese anti-aircraft guns blazing furiously away at the departing machines.

This is the second time that Chinese aircraft have bombed Japanese warships off Hainan Island. — Our Own Correspondent.

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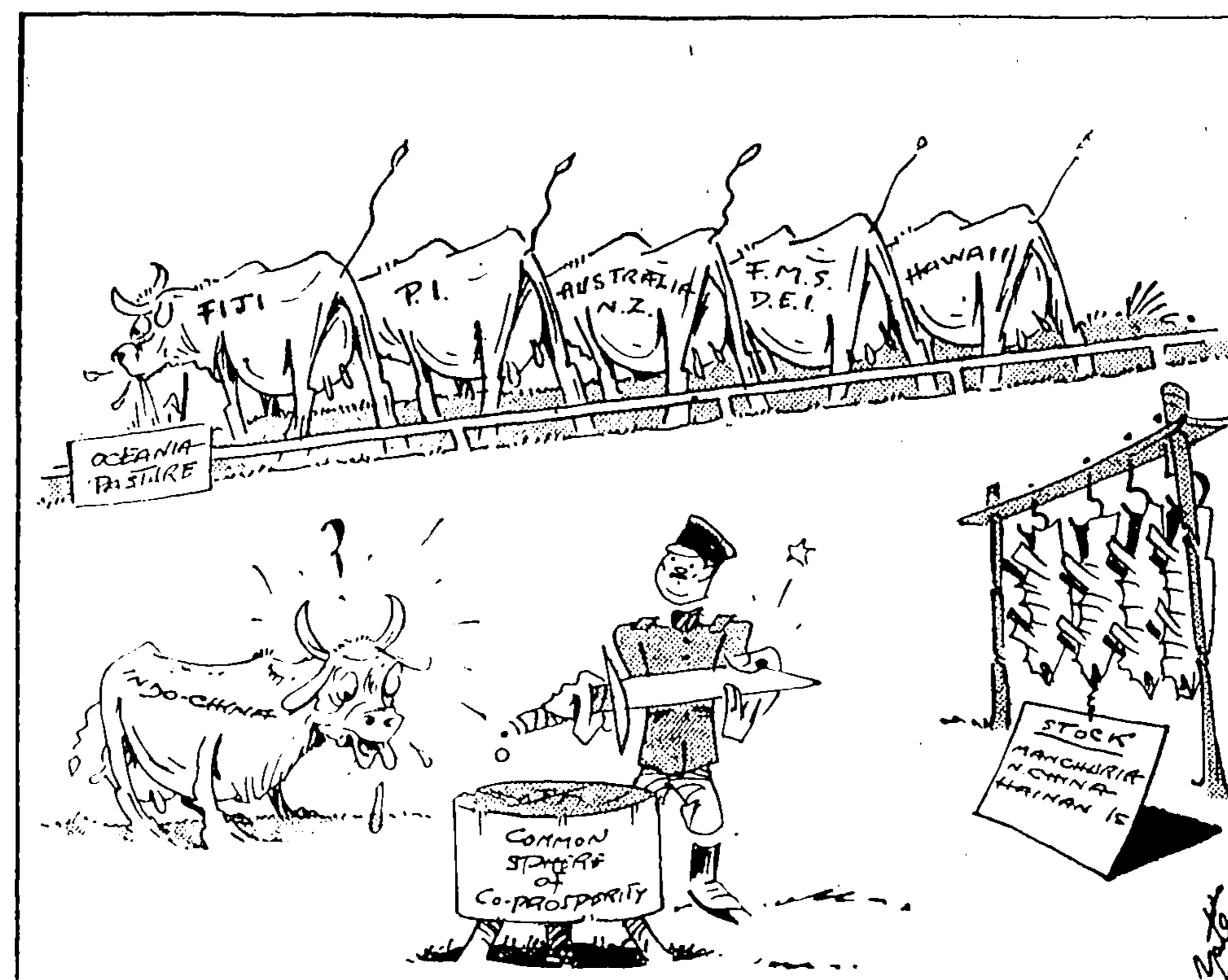
AUSTRALIAN TROOPS

The arrival of Australian troops in Malaya seems to have aroused an astonishing amount of indignation in Japan, at least if the Japanese radio commentators can be cited as indicators of Japanese opinion. These same commentators are, however, labouring at a stupid falsity when they describe the Australian troops as hordes of "illiterate peasants, untrained and undisciplined." One of the most important posts in this day and age is that of a radio commentator, as they do much to mould public opinion. The Axis Powers have adopted the theory that the needs of propaganda demand adoption of the axiom which Hitler laid down when he declared in his text book, "Mein Kampf," that "in the big lie there is always a certain force of credibility, because the broad masses of the nation . . . more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small one." There is, however, no propaganda value in stating what all the world knows to be untrue. There being no illiterates in Australia, there can be no illiterate peasants.

As regards their training which the Japanese commentator attempted to belittle, the words of their commander, Major-General H. Gordon Bennett may be quoted: "I can say in all seriousness," he stated in a broadcast thanking the people of Singapore for the welcome his troops had received, "that our men are as efficient and as fit a lot as have left Australia. And we have the added advantage of being better equipped than the earlier troops to leave our country, for our people at home have made great strides in the development of our war industries. Our men," he continued, "have been trained as storm troops, and I can safely say if they are called to defend this outpost of Australia (Singapore) they will fight as their fathers did in Gallipoli, France and Palestine and as their brothers have recently done in Libya."

These fine men, "bronzed and lean and fighting fit" as Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of Singapore, described them, are now in Malaya as a pre-

MEDIATION MEGRIMS



Japan: "Just a little slice off the rump, with your kind cooperation."

Mr. Churchill

At 66

"Vehement, high and daring was his cast of mind."

So Mr. Churchill, in his one and only novel, described the hero, and there is no doubt that the character he had in mind was his own. Forty years after that novel was written his countrymen give thanks in a tremendous world crisis for the leadership of a statesman "vehement, high and daring" beyond the measure of all but the greatest in England's long and glorious history.

There are other qualities in his genius. He can, and does, "labour terribly." His ancestor, John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, facile princeps among English generals, whom he vindicated and worthily celebrated, was famous for his calm on the stricken field—the angel of the storm. In Addison's lines, who "taught the doubtful battle how to rage."

A portion of that spirit is in Winston Churchill's inheritance.

His recreations show yet another striking characteristic. He

cautionary measure only. Australians rightly regard Singapore as an outpost of their homeland and defending it means defending Australia. "They are not here to attack any one," stated Sir Thomas, "their arrival need cause

no anxiety to any of our neighbours. We don't wish to quarrel with anybody, but as the Acting Prime Minister of Australia said three days ago, we don't like aggression and we don't like aggressors, and if we are attacked, then we shall fight."

By H.C. Bailey

is a painter of more than amateur distinction. How good a bricklayer he is I have no expert testimony, but the fact that he worked hard and earnestly at the trade is to be seen of all men in the house which he helped to build. This practical interest in craftsmanship, this skill of hand in occupations which demand patience and watchfulness of detail, count for a good deal in the direction of the mind.

His father, Lord Randolph, a very d'Artagnan of politics, handed down to him a zest and a capacity for Parliamentary and platform fighting. By his mother he had a right to wit and narrative power. But by his own account he was "an idle, unpunctual, untidy, shiftless, cheeky boy" at Harrow, hating games and work alike.

In the Army—he was a subaltern in the 4th Hussars at 20—he thoroughly enjoyed himself, and since then has "enjoyed each year more." On his 21st birthday he heard a bullet whistle for the first time. He was not then with the 4th Hussars. Having "desired some war to go to," he had gone to Cuba as a war correspondent. Two years later he marched with the Malakand Field Force in the same capacity.

Wherever there was a war, though wars were small in the 'nineties, he had to be, and the highest powers were invoked to get him to Omdurman as a supernumerary lieutenant in the 21st Lancers.

What Mr. Churchill may consider the luckiest chance in a career of amazing vicissitudes I cannot guess, but it was certainly wonderful that this chance

happened to ride in one of the few British cavalry charges that have happened in his lifetime.

In the South African War he was again a journalist only and again luck played the strangest tricks with him. He fought on an armoured train and was captured and taken prisoner to Pretoria. Then by a series of miraculous adventures he escaped and came back a popular hero.

At the age of 25 he had had enough, for the time, of war. Who in 1900 foresaw 1914 and 1939? He has confessed that he always wanted to go into politics.

The Khaki election of 1900 brought him into Parliament as Conservative member for Oldham. There is a story of those days that he used to say, "The Churchills die young. What I do, I must do quickly."

Opportunity of distinction was to hand. The Balfour Government soon laid itself open to attack even from docile supporters. Docility has never been conspicuous in Mr. Churchill. He became a very candid critic and his shafts were the sharper for recollections of Balfour's early association and subsequent break with Lord Randolph. Joseph Chamberlain's tariff reform campaign brought Mr. Churchill into the field as a Tory Free Trader, then a Free Trader without the party adjective, and, by 1906, a full-blown Liberal. He was only 34 when he became a Liberal Cabinet Minister.

This progress did not conciliate the Tories of those days and there were very bitter words and scenes which read rather ludicrously now if indeed they could even be taken seriously by any but one-eyed partisans.

Mr. Churchill was acknowledged, by enemies as well as

friends, one of the great figures in politics when Asquith sent him to the Admiralty to prepare the Navy for the Armageddon of 1914. He had made himself a speaker of

outstanding power. Some natural disadvantages were so mastered as to add effect to a deadly retort. Balfour's early judgment was that Winston had heavy but not mobile guns. Yet he became a master of debate and the most dangerous of all men to interrupt.

At the Admiralty his tremendous energy worked marvels in the provision of an overwhelming fleet. To him we owe it that the Navy was as ready as foresight could make it in the existing conditions for the challenge of August, 1914. He bore the responsibility and will always bear the honour for that decision on which our security was dependent, the immediate mobilisation of the Fleet.

This is not the time or the place to discuss the course of the war of 1914-1918. Two efforts were mainly if not wholly due to Mr. Churchill's urging—the attempt to relieve Antwerp and the attempt to force the Dardanelles. Both, though they failed, were devised by shrewd insight and daring. Whatever the causes of failure, competent judges have been known to pronounce that Mr. Churchill's was the best strategic mind at our service in that war.

He left the Admiralty on a breach with Lord Fisher and the difficulties in the Dardanelles, and abandoned politics for a while to command an infantry battalion in the front line in France—facing the fire of yet one more war. After all, he was little over 40, and his officers found him abounding in energy.

Mr. Lloyd George brought him back to run the Ministry of Munitions, and as the war passed into peace negotiations and an unpeaceful settlement, he recovered all, or more than all, his old political position. The immediate reward was a full share, pressed down and running over, of the unpopularity of Mr. Lloyd George's Coalition. Austen Chamberlain and Birkenhead had trouble enough with the Conservative party for the Irish Treaty and for their loyalty to Mr. Lloyd George, but Mr. Churchill fared still worse.

Though the Coalition crashed and some sort of ban was put on Chamberlain and Birkenhead, they were Conservatives still. Mr. Churchill was left for a while without a seat in Parliament and without a party. Neither Mr. Lloyd George's brand of Liberalism nor that of the successors of Asquith suited him. Wisecracks predicted that he had no future in politics.

Two years after the crash he was Chancellor of the Exchequer in a Conservative Government, the very place which his father, at the apex of power, had won 40 years earlier. Both appointments may be called the triumph of ability over die-hard prejudice. Lord Randolph, who "forgot Goschen," may not have been indispensable, but the decision of the Conservative leader, Lord Baldwin, that Mr. Churchill was the necessary man to a Conservative Cabinet came from bitter experience. The whirligig of time had brought in its revenges.

There was to be one more. In the National Government of 1931 Mr. Churchill was given no place, nor was one found for him on its reconstructions by Lord Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain. We know now that Austen Chamberlain deplored the passing over of Mr. Churchill when the need for rearmament became urgent. Whatever could be done outside the Government to quicken the pace Mr. Churchill did with all his might. For the objections which kept him below the gangway till war was upon us a heavy price has been paid.

He came to the first place in the darkest hour by universal consent and demand. Chatham, when events carried him to office, said in his grand manner, "My lord, I know that I can save this country and that no one else can." Mr. Churchill does not use this style. There is more humour in his composition; always, even in the darkest hour, something of the laugh of the spirit of adventure.

"In the sixties," he has said, a politician, is in his "noon-day prime." Whatever comes will surely find him "vehement, high and daring" till the guns salute our victory.

WATCH CLUE IN CHUNG WAH BOOK COMPANY MURDER TRIAL

FURTHER EVIDENCE for the prosecution was given at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the case in which Ho Sung-hei, 32, is charged with the murder of Woo Tong-chui, a fellow employee of the Chung Wah Book Company at Gilman's Bazaar on December 5.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector L. R. Whant is prosecuting, while accused is defended by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall.

The jury is composed of Messrs. T. H. Lunson, D. Lyon, A. Black, E. F. Passos, V. S. Mamak, G. Gerrard and A. W. Salter.

Woo Shui-tong, cousin of deceased, identified a watch as the one belonging to deceased. He identified it by rust on the band which was old while the watch was new.

In reply to Mr. Fitzroy, witness said he was certain the band was his cousin's but he was not so sure of the watch.

He told Mr. Reynolds that he identified the band of the watch and that the watch was similar to one his cousin had.

Detective's Evidence

Detective Sergeant Cochrane said that at 6:35 a.m. on December 5 he went to Gilman's Bazaar accompanied by a Chinese detective. He found the door had been burst open. On entering, he saw a Chinese near the kitchen lying on his back. His feet were towards the door. He was covered with a blanket. He questioned the man and the only answer he got was that he was in great pain. He summoned an ambulance.

In the passage, he discovered, near some packing cases, at the foot of the stairs to the cockloft, the body of another man. It was covered with a blanket. He felt the body and it was cold. The dead man was wearing a cotton singlet and white shorts.

In the cockloft he saw a camp bed with blood on it and on a desk found a chopper covered with blood.

Accused Cautioned

At 12:30 p.m., witness went to No. 69, Queen's Road Central. Inspector Whant was there and they went to the third floor with accused, who pointed out his bunk. It was searched and he saw Inspector Whant pick up a watch. Inspector Whant told witness to take notes and cautioned accused. He saw Inspector Whant pull up accused's pullover and saw what appeared to be blood on it. He heard Inspector Whant again caution accused. Accused said that when he arrived in the morning there was blood in the middle of his bunk.

In answer to Mr. Fitzroy, witness said he came across no other weapon in the cockloft. He saw blood on the chopper, on the camp bed and on the ground, but did not see any footprints.

Inspector Chui Heung said he arrived at Gilman's Bazaar at 7:45 a.m. and put men on watch. In the afternoon, he searched the third floor of No. 69, Queen's Road Central. There were three fokis there and they helped to sweep the rubbish.

He told His Lordship that he allowed the men to remain there to identify the baggage and put it back.

His Lordship said that So Yunn-ho, a previous witness, had said the boxes were stacked in the middle of the room. Witness said this was not true.

Police Practice?

His Lordship asked if it was police practice to employ, on a search for incriminating evidence, the fellow employees of a suspected person. Witness said that in this case much had to be done, and they helped. They volunteered and he did not think it was possible for any of them to have thrown anything on the floor as police were watching them. The case is proceeding.

STOPPED THE TRAINS

British barrage balloons, which have drifted as far as Denmark, have caused grave dislocation in Jutland, where trains have been forced to stop, says a Berlin report.

SWISS AND 'NEW ORDER'

According to a Berlin message it has been officially stated in the Wilhelmstrasse that reports that Switzerland and Sweden had been invited to take part in talks regarding the creation of a "new order" in Europe were untrue.

SINGLE COMBAT OFF COAST

A Dornier bomber destroyed off the East Coast in daylight on Sunday was shot down in single combat by a fighter pilot who already had 20 confirmed victories to his credit.

The pilot, a Hurricane squadron leader, was on patrol over Norfolk when he sighted the enemy raider at some 4,000 feet above him. He chased it out to sea, caught it about 75 miles from the coast and silenced the bomber's rear gunner with his first burst of fire.

His second and third bursts, delivered at close range, set the raider on fire in two places and as it glided down towards the sea, pouring smoke, three of the crew of five were seen to bale out.

Following his victim down low, the squadron leader again came under fire, bullets striking the windscreen and propeller. Closing in, he gave the raider a final burst and the Dornier crashed into the sea, sinking immediately. Only one man was seen to come to the surface. — British Wireless.

BELGRADE ASKED TO BE STOOGE?

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"
Reports are current in Belgrade that Germany is "enlisting the services of Yugoslavia to mediate in the Greek/Italo war."

Several conferences have taken place between the Yugoslav

Bouquets To Ferdy

The 80-year-old ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who is living in exile at Coburg, in Germany, declared yesterday that the German-Bulgarian agreement is a justification of his 1914 policy, says the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Aftonbladet."

The correspondent adds that Germany hopes to score a "moral" and political triumph by mediating a peace between Greece and Italy.

"The terms suggested," says the correspondent, "include Greek retention of part of her Albanian conquests against the cession to Germany of certain bases in Greek territory, returnable at the conclusion of the war." — Reuter.

Prime Minister M. Spakovitch, the Foreign Minister, M. Markovitch, and the Regent of Yugoslavia, Prince Paul.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT IF GREECE REFUSES PEACE, GERMANY WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVANCE ON GREECE THROUGH BULGARIA.

Meanwhile, in the Berlin press, Yugoslavia's entry into the Axis alliance is accepted as a foregone conclusion. — International News Service.

MR. EDEN'S TALKS IN GREECE

MR. ANTHONY EDEN'S talks with the Greek authorities, which began on Sunday night, ended after midnight and were expected to be resumed yesterday afternoon.

General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was present at the conversations.

The visit of Mr. Eden and General Dill is expected to last several days. They had a tremendous reception from waiting crowds after attending an official luncheon in Athens. A band greeted them with the world-famed strains of "Tipperary."

Mr. Eden yesterday morning received the American and Turkish Ministers at the British Legation.

Later, Mr. Eden and General Dill were the guests of the Greek Prime Minister, M. Koritzis, at luncheon.

Yesterday being the first Monday in Lent was a public holiday, which is normally spent in

making trips to the country, but on this occasion the Athenian crowds spent the morning promenading in the streets waiting to welcome Mr. Eden. — Reuter.

Streets Decorated

Reports from Athens state that from early morning the streets have been decorated with British and Greek flags and every road along which Mr. Eden was likely to pass was lined with dense crowds who cheered the British Foreign Secretary enthusiastically.

To-day he will be the guest of honor at a dinner at the Royal Palace. — British Wireless.

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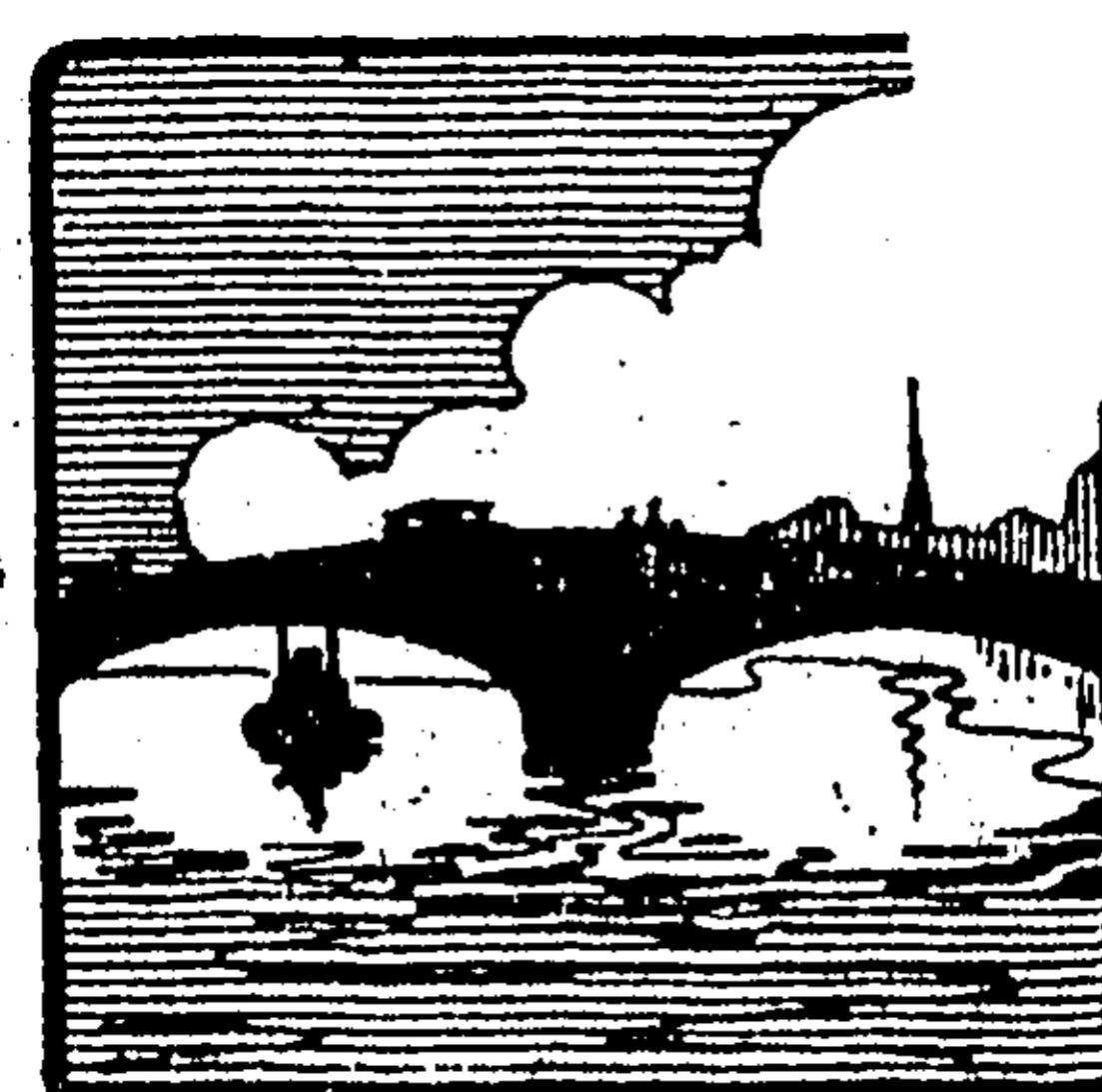
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Wild Rumours In Bulgarian Capital

EVENTS WERE MARKING TIME IN SOFIA YESTERDAY. RUMOURS HAD BEEN CIRCULATING IN THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL TO THE EFFECT THAT 20 GERMAN DIVISIONS HAD ALREADY ENTERED BULGARIA, OF WHICH 15 WERE HEADING FOR THE TURKISH FRONTIER.

These rumours are evidently part of the Nazi war of nerves against the Turks. Military experts in Sofia point out that the movement of such a large body of troops is physically impossible, since the three Bulgarian roads available to the Germans could not have carried such a large volume of traffic in the time elapsed.

It is further pointed out that it is impossible to dispose 15 German divisions on the Turkish frontier, where the Bulgarian army is already concentrated.

While military experts consider that five divisions are enough to cover the Greek frontier, Greek diplomatic circles of Sofia state that there is no news yet of any German diplomatic pressure on Athens.

They presume this pressure will begin when Nazi divisions arrive on the Greek frontier.

Holiday Crowds

As yet only a very small number of German troops have arrived in Sofia.

Bulgaria's Independence Day was celebrated yesterday by a large holiday crowd idly strolling through the streets and gazing at German staff automobiles and other transport.

New military telephone lines were installed yesterday in a building which was taken over by Fifth Columnists a few weeks ago. —Reuter.

HEAVY ATTACK ON BERET

The R.A.F. launched a heavy attack on the Albanian aerodrome of Beret on Sunday, according to a communiqué issued in Cairo yesterday.

Direct hits were obtained on hangars and buildings which started an extensive fire visible over 50 miles away.

In Eritrea, the R.A.F. attacked positions around Keren, while a South African Air Force squadron continued to harass the enemy with machine-gun attacks.

At Burye, in Abyssinia, large fires and heavy explosions occurred as a result of the bombing of military objectives. —Reuter.

GIRL OF 14 IN FORGERY CASE

Lui To, 48, unemployed and a 14-year-old girl, were remanded for 24 hours by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were charged with conspiracy in connection with forged banknotes.

The girl was also charged with possession of two forged \$10 notes, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, ten forged Hong Kong Government \$1 notes and a ten yuan note of the Bank of Communications.

Acting Sub-Inspector Moran is in charge of the case.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is stationary over China and the neighbouring seas; it has increased considerably in intensity, pressure remaining highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley.

The depression is situated to the north of Hokkaido, moving north-eastward.

MR. WINANT ON U.S. AID TO BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE NEW UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN MR. JOHN WINANT, AT A PRESS INTERVIEW IN LONDON YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT STEADY AMERICAN HELP WOULD BE COMING TO ENGLAND AND IN GREAT QUANTITY.

Mr. Winant stated that public opinion in America was almost wholly in favour of the Administration's desire to help Great Britain and that the isolationists in the United States represented only a very small percentage.

"I am sure that the Axis will find that their propaganda about American help coming too late is all wrong," he added. — International News Service.

N.E.I. EXPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AN ORDER COVERING THE EXPORT OF GOODS FROM THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES HAS JUST BECOME EFFECTIVE.

The order covers direct or indirect exports to Germany and affects 16 countries.

At present the order does not affect Japan provided she can pay for goods imported in United States Dollars. — International News Service.

FALSE PRETENCES

CHARGED WITH OBTAINING \$20.07, BY FALSE PRETENCES, 22-YEAR-OLD TO YUK-KWONG WAS SENTENCED TO TWO MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. H. C. MACNAMARA AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING.

It was alleged that accused agreed to work as a commission broker for a firewood dealer, Lai Yuen.

At 3.30 p.m. last Tuesday, accused accompanied Lai to No. 76, Yen Chau Street, explaining that the occupants wanted to purchase firewood. The transaction was concluded and later accused obtained \$20.07 as payment from the occupants, and was not seen again until two days ago when he was arrested.

CHOLERA'S INCIDENCE

Two fresh cases of cholera were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.

During last week seven cases of cholera were notified, and five deaths from the disease were registered.

Five of the cases occurred in Victoria and two in Kowloon.

U.S. EYE ON FAR EAST CRISIS

France, having caved in to Japan regarding the Indo-China-Thai dispute, it remains to be seen what Japan will do as a result and how strongly she intends to establish herself in Indo-China, state observers in Washington.

However much Thailand gets from the French, surrender Japan is expected to take as much or more in French concessions, but whether Japan will then move southward is still a matter for much speculation in Washington.

The British intention to resist in the event is certain, and it is learned on good authority that the Netherlands East Indies, if attacked, will formally declare war.

This is regarded as important inasmuch as the East Indies are known to have a first-line air force running into hundreds of late model American machines, all regarded of superior performance to anything Japan has.

INDIAN GUARD DETAINED

An Indian Guard has been detained by the Hunghom Police in connection with a brutal attack on a Chinese woman in To Kwa Wan Road at 11 p.m. last night.

Following a telephone message from a shop in the road last night, an ambulance was sent from the Kowloon Hospital to pick up a 32-year-old Chinese woman, Li Fong, who was found suffering from severe face and head injuries, apparently inflicted with a dagger or knife.

Some 10 minutes later, an Indian Guard appeared at Hunghom Police Station and reported that he had seen three men attack a Chinese woman in To Kwa Wan Road.

According to the Police, the woman, in a statement taken at the Kowloon Hospital last night, alleged that she had been attacked by an Indian and as a result the Police detained the guard.

The woman's condition was described as serious this morning.

ITALIANS HURLED BACK

The Greeks continue to hurl back the Italians and on Saturday repelled two heavy Italian attacks, stated Athens radio last night quoting the Greek Press Ministry.

The first attack, at sunset, failed despite strong artillery preparation, and the Greeks, firing from 5,000-feet heights, stopped the Italian advance.

The second attack was made after dark and met with a like fate, plus great losses. —Reuter.

Mrs. R. F. Luz, of No. 2, Peace Avenue, has reported the theft of money and clothing to the value of \$94 yesterday morning.

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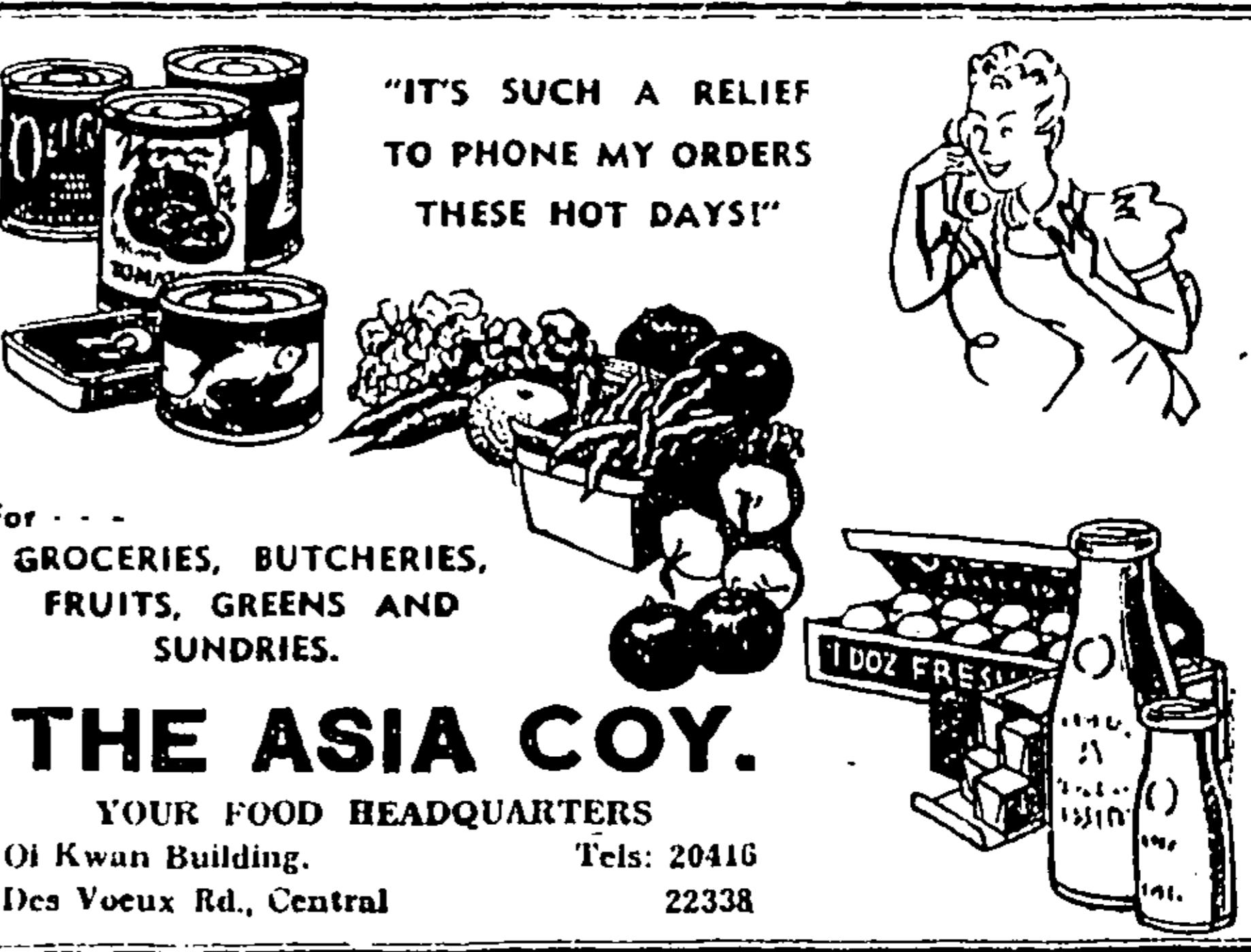
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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held, weather permitting, on Saturday, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 6th March, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
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Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A Shift In Time

By The Four Aces

In the old days of Whist there were only two approved reasons for failing to return the suit your partner opened: not having any cards in the suit, and sudden death. Modern Bridge players are not so wooden as all that, but probably few would be as imaginative as East in to-day's hand:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 9 7 5
♥ 7 6 3
♦ A J 6
♣ Q J 7

♠ J 3
♥ A Q J 2
♦ Q 7 4 3
♣ 8 6 4

♠ A Q
♥ 9 8 6 4
♦ 10 9 8
♣ A K 10 9

The bidding:
South 1♣
West Pass
North 1♦
East Pass

1NT Pass 2NT Pass

2NT Pass Pass

South opened the three of diamonds, dummy played low, and East won with the diamond King. It was quite evident that there was no use continuing the diamonds; dummy could win the next two diamond tricks, and by the time those cards were forced out South would probably have developed enough tricks for his contract.

East considered switching to spades, but realised that spade tricks were available only if West had the Ace and two other spades. But even if that were so, dummy would hold up the spade King until the third round of the suit in order to shut out the East hand. The fact that East had no entries made it clear to him that he ought to shift to some suit which his partner probably held. So, in far less time than it has taken to report, East decided to lead the King of hearts.

He was pleased to see that South played a low heart, but was a bit shaken when West dropped the heart deuce. Ordinarily, that would be a signal to discontinue the suit; but East realised that his partner might be unable to spare a higher card for fear of losing a trick thereby. He therefore continued with the heart ten, defeating the contract. Note that if the defenders had failed to take their four hearts at once, South would have made nine tricks.

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. You may never get another chance to show the clubs if you fail to bid them now. This bid at the "skip level" indicates the strength of the hand; a jump to four clubs would be a decided overbid.

Score 100% for three clubs, 40% for three spades, 30% for four clubs, 20% for two spades.

Question No. 655

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3 2
♥ —
♦ K
♣ K 10 5 4 2

The bidding:
You 1♣
Jacoby Pass
Burnstone 2♦
Schenken (?)

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. You

may never get another chance to show the clubs if you fail to bid them now. This bid at the "skip level" indicates the strength of the hand; a jump to four clubs would be a decided overbid.

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THE CHINA MAIL, MARCH 4, 1941.

TO FIGHT WELL—EAT WELL

"It is highly questionable whether men with a prolonged history of organic dyspepsia, especially of peptic ulceration, should be allowed to join the Fighting Services," says the "British Medical Journal."

"A dyspeptic soldier is a liability. A dyspeptic civilian, living under a careful regime may well become an asset."

"The Army still marches on its stomach, even though it travels in mechanised vehicles, and the dyspeptic passenger should be discouraged from taking part in the journey."

These comments are made on a report, just issued of two medical investigations into dyspepsia among troops.

The change to Army food, which was too heavy for those prone to ulcers was the most important factor leading to the breakdown of many of the troops who have suffered from dyspepsia, it was discovered.

Good From Outside

Mr. Reginald I. Payne, a London surgeon, and Dr. C. Newman, of the British Postgraduate Medical School, who conducted the investigation on behalf of the Royal College of Physicians say that in the period between the dispatch of the B.E.F. and last April 14.4 per cent. of all cases evacuated to Britain had a primary diagnosis of gastric or duodenal disease.

Many men replaced their rations by food bought outside and so avoided a breakdown until they got to France, where this practice became difficult.

There was, say the investigators, much criticism that the Army cooking was bad, but the criticism came from men with abnormal digestions.

Fatty food, which was appreciated by healthy men, appeared to the dyspeptics to be "greasy."

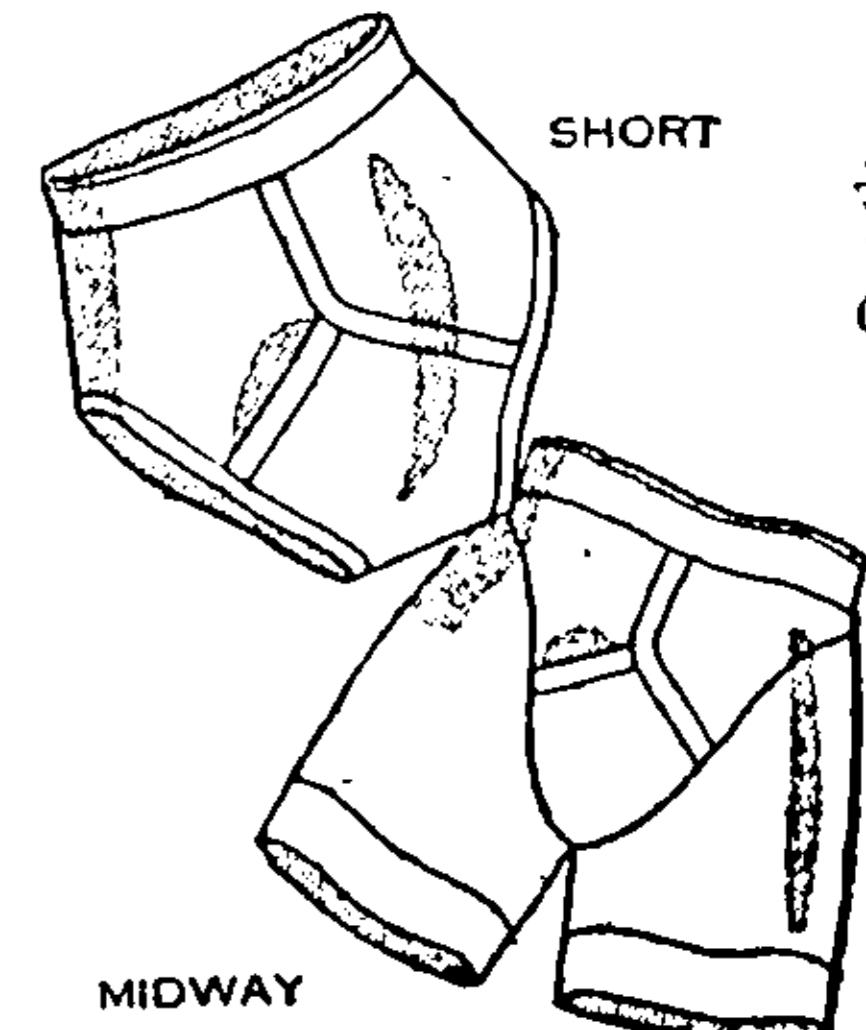
Men who served in the last war said that the food was better this time, but there was a constantly reiterated complaint of good food spoilt.

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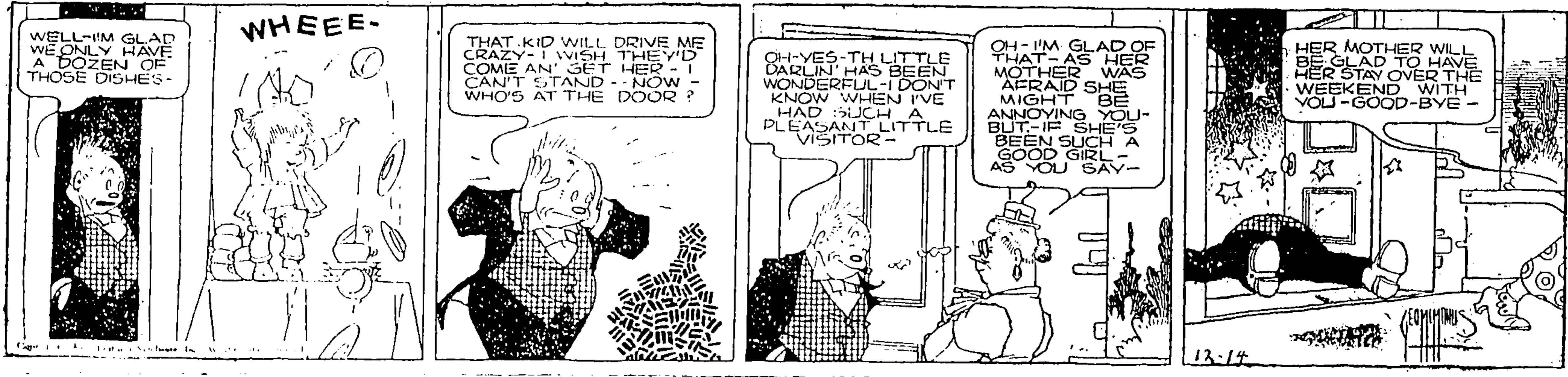


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A PAGE FOR WOMEN For Older Women

How proud are the children and relatives of the older woman who keeps herself nicely groomed and as becomingly dressed as her circumstances will permit!

Some women get the idea, as their years add up, that no one is interested in their appearance. Others like to feel that age excuses them from bothering with the niceties of personal daintiness. These assumptions are lamentable for I never see an elderly woman who is attractive in appearance without thinking, "How charming I'll bet she is every bit as popular as scores of women twenty years younger than herself." And I know others react the same way.

Now I do not advocate poorly applied make-up on skin which is withering. Nor do I like to see a too youthful coiffure on a silvered head. But I do like to see that silver hair shining with health, dressed becomingly, and that withering skin kept lubricated and fresh looking by appropriate beauty aids.

If I had a grandmother I would go shopping for her and this is what I would buy: A rich throat cream, an astringent and a chin strap. A lubricating face cream which she could use also for cleansing. A dozen cakes of very good, bland soap and a soft bristled complexion brush.

A SUPPER PARTY WITHOUT SWEETS

is enjoyed by all

says Dorothy Greig

PARTY food to most of us means something rich and sweet, "all sugared and goosed up fit to kill", as a bachelor friend of the family describes it.

This same bachelor knows where-of he speaks for he is in demand at parties and is faced and "baffled" (his own word) by much party food.

Refreshments served at his own smart little supper parties are very different. His platform on the subject is simple, his adherence to it unwavering. "No sweets", says he.

He insists that all food must be crisp, crunchy, meaty or high flavored. There's never a whipped cream or sweet concoction to be seen.

Rather you will find thick soup ladled smoking hot from an enormous high riding tureen, cold whole baked hams, pots of pork and beans, fresh crusty rye bread, chilled salad greens, crunchy celery hearts, sardines, wonderful cheeses, pickles, polished red apples, juicy pears—all that sort of thing. And his guests love it—perhaps because such honest, gusty, relished foods are met but seldom at parties.

For instance, this spicy hot tomato juice punch provides a jolly start to such a sweetless supper.

Hot Mulled Tomato Juice
with Lemon Slice Garnish
6 cups tomato juice
6 tablespoons medium brown sugar
6 whole cloves

2 sticks cinnamon, about 3 inches long
4 slices lemon
Combine all ingredients, bring to a slow boil and simmer for five minutes. Strain. Serve hot from a large bowl with thin slices of lemon and orange floating on top. Makes 1/4 quarts hot mulled tomato juice.

Supper Party Salad Mousse

This salad is another suggestion. It consists of crisp vegetables imprisoned in a chicken flavored mousse. Simple to make, delightful to eat.

2 cans condensed chicken soup
2 eggs, separated
1 tablespoon gelatine (softened in
1/4 cup water)

1 1/2 cups cooked carrots, diced
1/2 cup diced celery or cucumber
1/2 cup cooked green peas
1/2 cup salad dressing or mayonnaise

Heat the soup, add egg yolks gradually and cook until slightly thickened. Dissolve softened gelatine in hot soup mixture. Chill until it begins to stiffen, then fold in carrots, green peas, celery or cucumber, beaten egg whites and mayonnaise. Pour into a mold and chill until firm. Remove from mold and serve on salad greens—lettuce, watercress or chickory or garnished with celery hearts and stuffed olives. Serves 8.

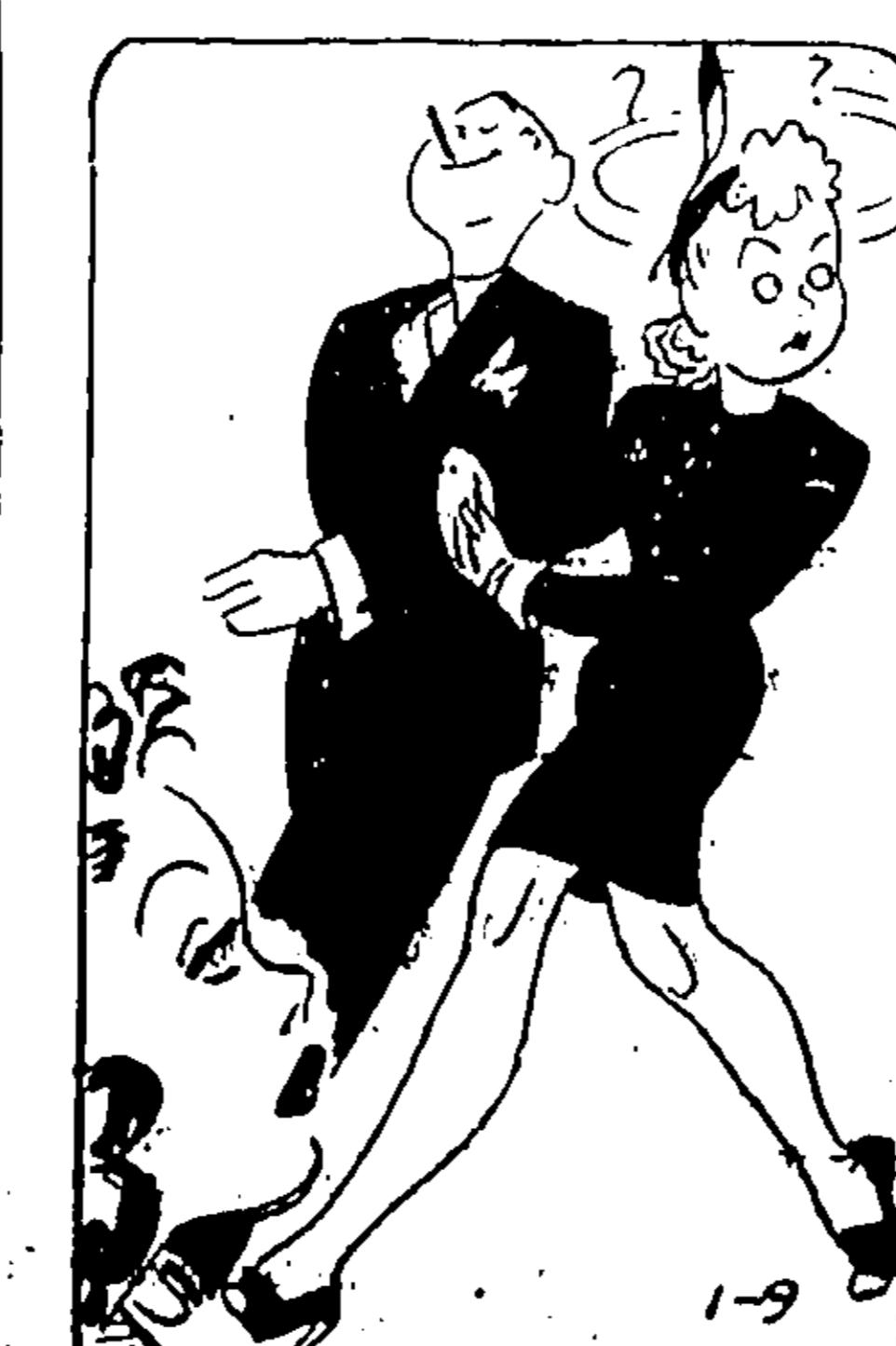
I would see that she had a supply of fluffy, down face puffs, a box of the best sifted face powder in the exact shade of her complexion, an eyebrow brush and possibly a brown brow pencil. I would also buy, even against her protestation, the most delicate of rouges and lipsticks for I loathe seeing older women with drawn, too pale faces if they are in fairly good health.

Then I would stock her bathroom with some epsom salts by the pound, for occasional hot baths, the most delectable floral bath oil I could lay my hands on, a cologne which was not too drying (one of those which are partly oil and partly alcohol and scented) in violet, honey suckle, lemon or any other fresh fragrance. I would adore presenting a huge body puff of pink down—or one that was at least eight inches in diameter and a box of powder to accommodate it.

If she didn't have adequate hair aids or a manicure set complete with a softly tinted lacquer polish, I would see that she got them. Then I would explain the use and harmlessness of anti-perspirants and deodorants, for no grandmother of mine would be guilty of this ignorance if I could help it!

You may think that is a sizable list of aids, but do remember that they may easily last for months and in the meantime they serve as inspiration to careful grooming and she will experience great joy in using each of them.

Any woman, old or young, who takes pride in personal grooming cannot help but take pride in her clothing. That follows as night the day, and she turns herself out in a most attractive manner feeling self-assured, appreciated, and grateful!



The mentally sketchy girl friend thinks when her beau says everything on the horizon is rosy he means there's a beautiful sunset.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.

12.47 p.m.—Billy Mayerl—"Four Aces" Suite.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 101 in D Minor (The "Clock").

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Noel Coward—Scenes from "To-night at 8.30".

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Britain Speaks".

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—An hour of Popular Classics.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Colonel H. B. Holt, O.B.E., M.C., on "Italian Somaliland".

9.45 p.m.—Scottish Songs.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—Ignaz Friedman at the Piano.

10.08 p.m.—Elgar—Concerto in B. Minor, Op. 61.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

THE CHINA MAIL, MARCH 4, 1941.

YOUNGEST PRISONER OF WAR

THEY CALL HIM 'THE ADMIRAL'

(By A Special Correspondent)

AT SCHOOL they called Leslie McDermott Brown the "Admiral." To go to sea was his great ambition. At fifteen he was a cadet in the Glasgow liner Kemmendine.

She vanished on a voyage from Cape Town to Rangoon last August. Now "Admiral" Brown is known to be a captive of the Nazis — the youngest British prisoner of war in Germany.

His mother, overjoyed that he is alive, has taken from a wardrobe the warm coat he used to wear on the bridge.

She has hung it proudly on the side of the dining-room mantelpiece in her home at Kingsacre Road, King's Park, Glasgow.

Mrs. Brown, in her suburban home, told me of the long months of anxiety for the safety of her son since she had received his last letter, dated June 28, from Cape Town.

Her Thanks-Offering

Then she heard on the radio that he was safe.

Later she got a postcard from him from a German prison camp. "When Leslie left on what was the last voyage of the Kemmendine, he knew he was going to a hot climate," said Mrs. Brown. "So he left behind all his heavy clothes, including his bridge coat, of which he was very proud.

"At nights, when I listened to the German broadcasts and I did not hear my boy's name mentioned among the prisoners of war, I sometimes felt depressed.

"I took out his bridge coat and wept over it.

"Leslie was born on April 1, but it has proved no Fool's Day for him, but extremely lucky.

"He realised his greatest ambition when he went to sea."

As a thank-offering for the safety of her son Mrs. Brown has given £5 to the Red Cross. Leslie has a brother in the R.A.F. who wrote often to his mother during her months of anxiety that he was sure that Leslie was safe.

No trace has been found of the 7,694-ton Kemmendine, which was carrying 147 people, including thirty-eight passengers.

Like many experts, Mrs. Brown believes that the liner was the victim of a surface raider which took her son to Germany.

SAFE IN PIT PROP SHELTER

Pit props supporting a ceiling to make an indoor shelter saved the lives of four people during the London raid.

A bomb fell in waste land twelve yards from a two-storey block of flats. One side of the building was ripped away and the roof shattered, but the floor and ceiling between the upper and lower flats, supported by the pit-props, remained intact.

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ENGINEERS TO MEET ROYALS IN IMPORTANT RUGBY GAME

Army Cross Country Run Very Well Supported

By "Squaddy"

AT SOOKUNPOO last Saturday, Royal Scots and the Middlesex met for their second local derby which resulted in a win for the Middies by three goals to one, after having a one-goal lead at the interval.

Royal Army Service Corps who defeated Navy on Sunday at Causeway Bay 7 goals to 1 have now beaten the goal scoring record by one goal and should be able to increase this by many more in their remaining matches.

They are still fighting hard to displace Royal Engineers from their lead in the Second Division, but it looks as if Engineers are well situated there now, and they have only another five games to play before the end of the season.

In Third Division Royal Air Force are creeping away from Royal Corps of Signals who are now four points in the lead, although the Signals have two games in-hand.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

TO-DAY at the Hong Kong Polo ground, Boundary Street, the Command Cross Country runs are being held. This year there are two separate runs, one for Indian other ranks and one for the British ranks of the Garrison.

The first run commences at 3.30 p.m. which is the Indian run, and the British ranks run commences at 3.50 p.m.

The undermentioned teams have entered for these runs:

British Ranks:
Combined Small Units.
Combined 8th & 12th Hvy. Regts., R.A.
Fortress Royal Engineers.
2nd Royal Scots.
1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.

Indian Ranks:
Combined 8th & 12th Hvy. Regts., R.A.
6th A.A. Regt., R.A.
1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.
2/14th Punjab Regt.
6/7th Rajput Regt.

This is the first year that the Units of the Garrison have been separated for this competition, and it is hoped to make this event more open. Last year's winners, Rajputana Rifles, who have left the Colony had a good team and it is rumoured that their relief, the

5/7th Rajputs, have a strong team and are expected to do well this afternoon.

The H.K.S.R.A. have been in strict training for this event and have one or two dark horses, and are hoping to pull off the individual prizes.

Combined 8th & 12th Hvy. Regts., Indian Ranks should be so, on the whole, a strong team and so on the whole a keen run should be witnessed in the Indians' run.

Middlesex, who had a trial run last week against the Combined Small Units and beat them easily, are expected to pull off the British Ranks run.

Royal Scots who for the past two months have been in camp and should be very fit, have had plenty of time to train and get together a good team, and it is hoped that they will do well this afternoon in this competition.

There are two Cups being presented at the conclusion of the runs.

The Command Cross Country Challenge Cup will be presented to the winning team of both runs who have the lowest aggregate points and the winning team of the run who have the most points will be presented with a new Cup presented for this occasion.

SNOOKER

THE Medical Corps are still leading in the Garrison Snooker league and now are three points in the lead of the Royal Engineers Sergeants.

Results of recent matches were:

R.A.P.C. 4 pts. R.E. Sgts. 2 pts.

R.A.M.C. 4 pts. Signals "A" 2 pts.

C.M. Police 2 pts. Signals Cpls. 4 pts.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	8	4	1	3	32
R.E. Sgts.	8	4	2	2	29
R.E. "A"	7	2	1	4	22
R.A.P.C.	8	2	3	3	21
R.A. Stanley	6	2	0	4	20
C.M. Police	7	1	2	4	20
Signals Cpls.	8	2	4	2	19
Signals "A"	8	2	6	0	17

ROYAL SCOTS

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SCIENCE INVADES THE REALM OF SPORT

Mechanical Devices Are The New Mode

The Electric Eye And Numerous Clever Inventions

"Kill the Umpire!" That colourful cry is going to lose its place in the language of baseball fans before long, writes a correspondent. There wouldn't be much satisfaction in yelling, "Kill the electric eye." But that's what you'd have to say, because, on many of the diamonds in America, the electric eye has been tried out on the job of calling strikes. Beams of light intersect at the correct height over the home plate. When a pitched ball cuts both beams, the electric eyes signal a strike.

And that's just a good starter on what's happening in every sport. Science has invaded the playing fields.

Stick to baseball for a minute: Byron Moser of St. Louis has developed a "machine gun" that pitches four balls a minute at the practicing batter.

The Cleveland Indians even have a portable machine that automatically measures how fast the ball travels. The pitcher hurls a ball into a tunnel, photo-electric cells actuate a "speedometer." Bob Feller can throw a ball at a speed of 75 miles an hour.

To train the pitcher, some of the clubs have been trying out a robot catcher. The pitcher hurls the ball at a robot catcher. The pitcher hurls the ball at a target, the spent ball drops into a hopper, and a mechanical arm snaps it back to the pitcher.

No Place For Slackers

Now take American football: An ingenious invention for the training of husky linemen is a sledlike mechanism, fitted with padded arms and springs. Against this, the players charge. A scale shows the coach just what pressure each lineman is exerting. Dartmouth has a charging sled fitted with a huge, clock-like dial which registers the total pressure being applied by all the linemen.

A revolutionary device for the training of boxers consists of two gloved fists, driven by compressed air and controlled by the instructor. They permit complete accuracy and they pack a mean wallop.

Year after year, track and field

records are broken. For instance, 70 feet have been added to the discus-throwing mark made in the first Olympic games. That's partly due to the research at New York University, where they tore a leaf from the book of aviation. The discus, once made with the grain running vertically through the thickness of the wood, is now made with the grain running horizontally along its face. The result is greater speed and distance.

Study Of Ballistics

High jumpers have profited from the study of ballistics, for it has been found that the body in motion follows the same natural law as a projectile fired from a gun. In fact, science has revealed that it is theoretically possible for a jumper to go over the bar, while his centre of gravity passes beneath!

In track, the now widely used starting blocks raise the runner instead of requiring him to start from a hole. The result is a tenth of a second speed-up on sprints.

Harry Hillman, track coach at Dartmouth, has taken some of the hazard out of hurdling by inventing a safety hurdle that will tip over at a pressure of less than one pound on the top bar.

The scientists have not forgotten your golf game, either. A professional has invented a startling club. Swing it the way you're supposed to, and the club behaves as any good club should. But make an awkward swing, and that crazy club jumps out of joint. Another new club flashes a red light when you swing it wrong. What will they be thinking up next?

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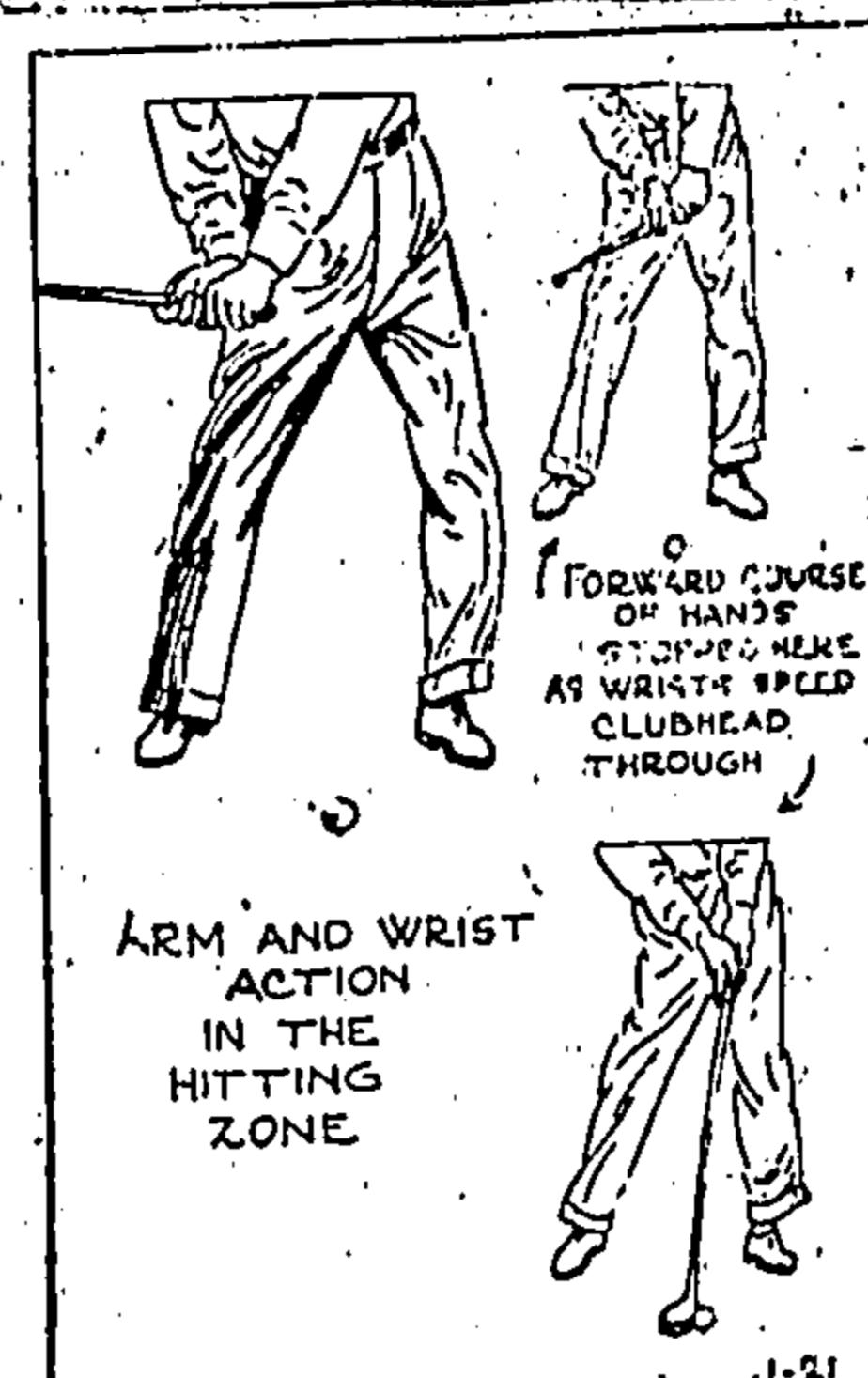
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IMPACT ACTION

BY BEST BALL

Hand and wrist action in the hitting zone takes place so rapidly that it is difficult for the player to follow it. High speed photography, however, has enlightened this particular phase of the stroke no little. Above, for example, is the lightning like stroke of long hitting Jimmy Thomson. In the large figure above he is just entering the hitting area, the wrists are about to start uncocking and the hands have but a short distance to traverse before they must cease momentarily their forward motion to allow the wrists and hands to snap the clubhead through. Compared to the distance the hands have to travel the clubhead arc to the ball looms large, indeed, at this point yet it is the flexible wrist action, so important in a good stroke, which makes this possible.

The wrists have already started uncocking in the smaller upper panel while the hands have reached the correct impact position. Their position is the same in the lower panel while impact is taking place.

Next Article: — Playing Position.

CHALLENDON BEST UNITED STATES HORSE

By a vote of 84 to 34, writers of horse racing all over the United States chose Mr. W. L. Brann's great thoroughbred, Challenon, as the "Horse of the Year," for the second consecutive year.

Mr. Charles S. Howard's Seabiscuit got the 34 votes for second place.

Challenon was only beaten twice out of seven races he ran in, but in both defeats he was forced to give away eight pounds to two of the best horses on the turf—Eight Thirty and Hash.

Wins \$70,625

Challenon won \$70,625 during 1940, which does not look so good beside the \$90,850 which Seabiscuit picked up, but Seabiscuit won most of that sum in winning the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, which made him the leading money-winning horse of all time. He was retired to stud after running in only four races this year. Colonel E. R. Bradley's Blamey was voted the best three-year-old of the year despite his defeat in the Kentucky Derby and his foot injury which cut short his campaign. — Reuter

HUGE PRICE PAID FOR BASEBALLLER

THE BROOKLYN DODGERS of the National League, who finished in second place last baseball season and who are determined to win the League Pennant and the World Series in 1941, are continuing their fabulous spending in order to make their team invincible.

Their latest purchase is the coveted catcher, Mickey Owen, whom they bought from the St. Louis Cardinals in exchange for catcher Gus Maruso, pitcher John Pintar, and a "large amount" of money, variously estimated at between \$65,000 and \$75,000.

Meanwhile, the Cincinnati Reds, present world champions, gave up their 30-year-old shortstop, Billy Myers to the Chicago Cubs, in exchange for outfielder Jim Gleeson, shortstop Bobby Mattick and an additional player to be named later. No cash was involved.

These exchanges occurred at the 39th Annual Convention of the Minor Leagues.

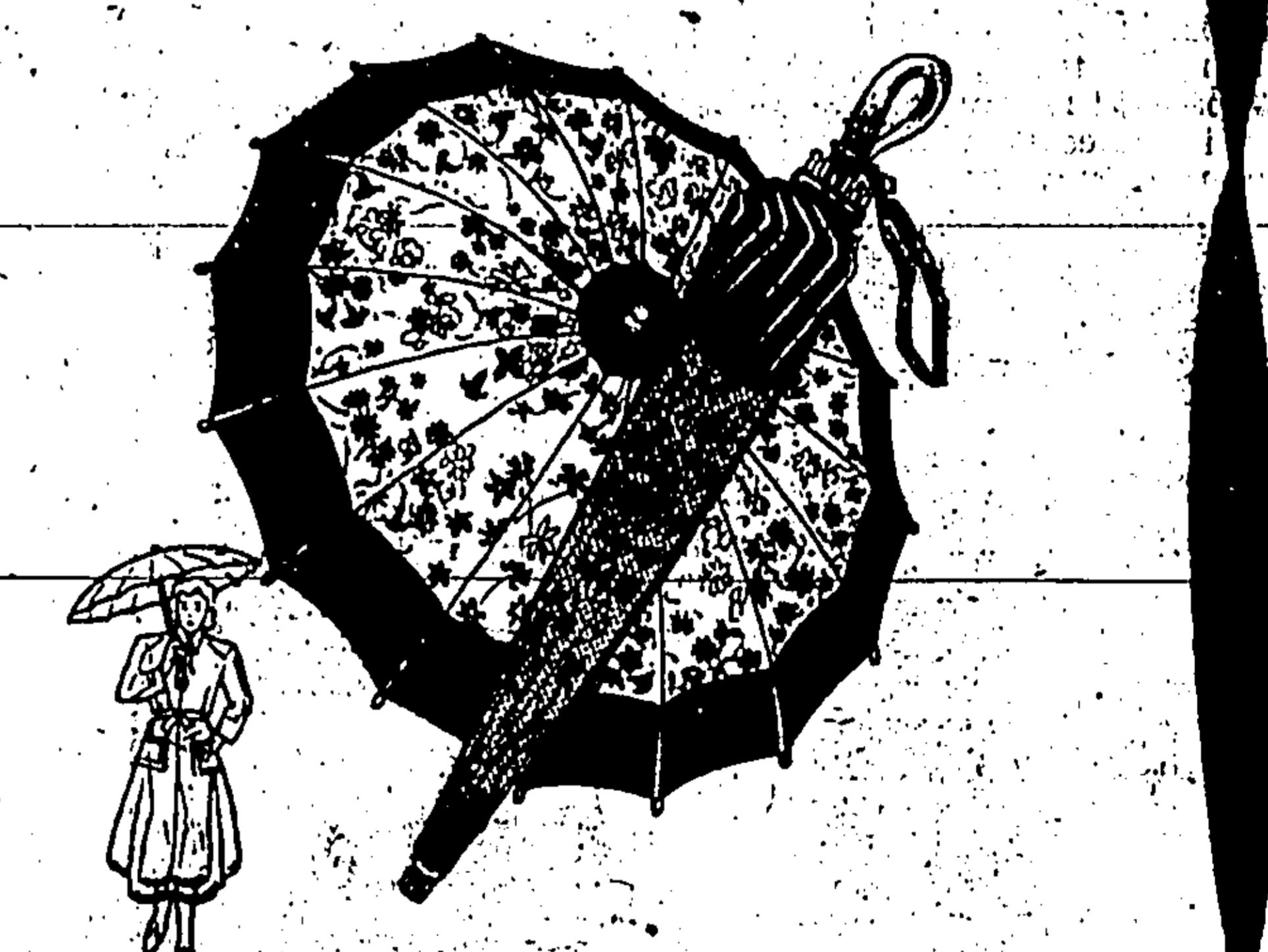
Owen Famous

The Dodgers had previously bought Pitcher Kirby Higbe from the impoverished Philadelphia Phillies for \$100,000, and last season they considerably strengthened their side by buying Joe Medwick, famous outfielder, from the Cardinals.

Owen is regarded as one of the National League's best catchers and several clubs had been after him.

It was also announced that James Thompson "Doc" Prothro had been signed to manage the Philadelphia Phillies for another year.—Reuter.

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